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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Held in the Town of Wilmington, May, 1852.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1852.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened this day at 10 o'clock, in the Hall of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, when the following officers were present:

T. H. HARDENBERGH,	*M. W. Grand Master,*
W. L. STEELE,	*R. W. D. Grand Master, p. t.*
A. PAUL REPITON,	*R. W. Grand Secretary,*
T. M. GARDNER,	*R. W. Grand Treasurer,*
J. E. MORRIS,	*R. W. Grand Warden,*
Rev. A. PAUL REPITON,	*R. W. Grand Chaplain, p. t.,*
D. PARISH,	*W. Grand Conductor,*
J. B. WEBB,	*W. Grand Guardian.*

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. G. M., T. H. Hardenbergh, and opened in due form. Prayer by Rev. A. Paul Repiton.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication was commenced, when, on motion of Rep. W. L. Steele, the further reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The R. W. G. M., T. H. Hardenbergh, appointed the following *Committee on Credentials.* P. G's., J. B. Newby, J. Wilcox, and W. S. G. Andrews.

On motion of P. G., A. Paul Repiton, Bro. E. N. Adkins, Scarlet member of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, was elected Steward during the present session, with the usual compensation.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined Certificates of Representation and service, and find the following correct, viz:

Cape Fear Lodge,	No. 2,	Talcott Burr, Jr., Representative. Wm. C. Howard, P. G. Wm. E. Anderson, P. G. Jas. T. Miller, P. G. A. T. McCallum, P. G. Wm. S. Anderson, P. G. John C. Wood, P. G. Thos. H. Howey, P. G.
Cross Creek, "	" 4,	Thos. M. Sackett, Rep. Arch'd A. T. Smith, P. G. Warren Winslow, P. G.
Thaddeus "	" 5,	G. W. Atkins, Rep.
Neuse "	" 6,	W. S. G. Andrews, Rep. John Taylor, P. G.
Manteo "	" 8,	Thos. W. Dewey, Rep.
Phalanx "	" 10,	John B. Williams, Rep. Wm. B. Myers, P. G.
Achoree "	" 14,	Wm. H. Clark, Rep.
Winchester "	" 16,	B. B. Lawrence, Rep.
Mountain "	" 19,	Wm. H. Michal, Rep.
Muchuena "	" 20,	E. T. Rice, Rep.
Buena Vista "	" 21,	Peter Thurston, Rep.
Tuscarora "	" 22,	Rich'd W. King, Rep. Thos. Woodley, P. G. Geo. W. Venters, P. G.
North State "	" 26,	John A. Weirman, Rep.
Esperanza "	" 28,	E. W. Jones, Rep.
Falling Creek "	" 29,	Malcom L. Douglass, Rep.

Your Committee have also had referred to them certificates of representation, by which they find that Robt. Shaw has been appointed Representative from Mecklenburg Declaration Lodge, No. 9; Henry L. Ward, from Oriental, No 24; Wm. C. Blount. from Contentnea, No. 34; and Rich'd A. Caldwell, from Pee Dee, No. 39,—but no certificate of service has been handed in. Satisfactory evidence has, however, been exhibited to satisfy your Committee that the above named Representatives have served the necessary time required by law.

Your Committee also have certificates by which P. G. John A. Weirman is appointed as proxy Representative from Iredell Lodge, No. 41; P. G. A. A. T. Smith, from Lumber River Lodge, No. 42,—which your Committee find correct, and recommend that such proxy representation be allowed.

They also find that P. G. Thurston is appointed as proxy Representative from Salem Lodge, No. 36; but as Salem Lodge has Past Grands, such proxy representation cannot be allowed. (See Proceedings of 1851, page 363.)

Your Committee recommend that the above named Representatives and Past Grands be allowed to take seats in the Grand Lodge, and receive the Past Official Degrees to which they are entitled. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEWBY,
W. S. G. ANDREWS.
JULIUS WILCOX.

An invitation from Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, was extended through Bro. P. G. Rep. W. E. Anderson, to the Grand Lodge, to participate in their Celebration and Excursion on Thursday 13th inst.

On motion of Gr. Rep. Winslow,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for the invitation, and that we accept the same.

P. G. W. C. Howard was appointed Grand Marshal, of the Grand Lodge, with power to appoint Assistants.

The Grand Master presented his Report, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The expiration of another official year makes it necessary that your presiding officer, in the discharge of a portion of his constitutional duty, should present to you a report of the state of the Order in this jurisdiction. It also presents a fit occasion for offering, one to another, gratulations on our continued success, and acknowledgements to the Giver of all good for his constant care and supervision over the interest and welfare of our beloved Institution.

The course of the Order in this State since your last communication has not been distinguished by any remarkable occurrences. So far as I have been able to form an opinion from the correspondence with my office, the Subordinate Lodges have managed their affairs in a creditable manner, and are pursuing the "even tenor of their way" in harmony and brotherly love.

Dispensations according to law have been issued during the year, upon proper and constitutional applications for the same, to Lumber River Lodge, No. 42, instituted at Lumberton, Robeson county, by D. D. G. M. Lutterloh, 24th Feb. 1852; Brown Creek Lodge, No. 43, in Anson county—the report of institution not yet received; Enterprise, No. 44, instituted at Wilson, Edgecombe county, by Grand Sect. Repiton, on 27th March, 1852.

I have also issued a Dispensation in accordance with a resolution of the G. L. adopted at last session, for Catawba Lodge, No. 40, which was instituted at Newton, in Catawba county, on 9th Sept., 1851, by P. G. Robards, of North State Lodge.

In September last a petition was forwarded to me by the D. G. M. for a Lodge at Statesville, in Iredell county, and I issued a dispensation upon his recommendation of the applicants, and upon his assurance that the constitutional forms should be complied with. I have received no report from the D. G. M. but have learned from a correspondence with the N. G. of the Lodge, that the cards and charter fee were placed in the hands of the

D. G. M. and the Lodge instituted as Iredell Lodge, No. 41, on 11th Dec. last, by P. G. J. A. Wierman.

I recommend that Charters be granted to these Lodges, and that the name of No. 41 be changed to "Excelsior," agreeably to the desire of the Lodge as appears from a certified paper presented herewith.

At different periods of the year dispensations have been granted for public addresses and processions in regalia, to the following named Lodges viz: Cape Fear, No. 2; Neuse, No. 6; Phalanx, No. 10; Concordia, No. 11; Achoree, No. 14; Smyrna, No. 18; North State, No. 26, Columbus, No. 27; Falling Creek, No. 29; and Caswell, No. 32.

Since the adjournment of your last session, there has been submitted to me a variety of questions growing out of differences of opinion among members of some of the Lodges, most of which it is unnecessary to allude to here, but which an examination of the correspondence will disclose.—There are a few, however, which I have deemed it advisable to present in my report, not with the hope of imparting information to you (as they are only an iteration of decisions of the G. L. U. S.) but rather with a view of placing them on the record of your own proceedings where they will be accessible to the members of the Subordinate Lodges. It has been enquired of me, if a Lodge can provide in its by-laws for meeting semi-monthly only, and I have answered that the Grand Lodge possesses the power to grant this privilege to a Subordinate, but that twenty-six nights' service is necessary to complete a term, and it would, therefore, be requisite for the N. G. and other officers to remain in office twelve months to be entitled to advancement. In this connection, it will be a proper subject of enquiry, if the Lodges to which this privilege has hitherto been granted have observed the requirements of the law in this respect.

It has also been submitted to me, whether a member who is in arrears for dues can pay his dues while sick, and thus entitle himself to the sick benefits allowed by his Lodge. To this I have replied that it is the *right* of a Brother to pay his dues at any time, but, if his indebtedness is so great that he has no legal claim to benefits under the by-laws of his Lodge, the payment of his dues, *while sick*, does not entitle him to benefits, nor can he legally claim them while he continues sick.

Enquiry has been made whether D. D. G. Masters possessed the power of granting dispensations, &c., and I have expressed the opinion that the appointment of D. D. G. M. confers no power or authority whatever, excepting when acting under special instructions from the Grand Master.

I would respectfully suggest that you ought to provide a law for the appointment of a D. D. G. Master for each District, and also defining his powers and duties. It appears from the record of the proceeds of the session held in 1847, that a Committee was appointed to consider the subject of dividing the State into Districts, and appointing Deputies. The last branch of this subject, however, seems to have been overlooked by the Committee, as no allusion was made to it in their report. Appointments of those officers have nevertheless been regularly made since that time. I would also call your attention to the fact that during the same session a Committee was appointed to "draft a form of rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge in the prosecution of its business at the Annual Commu-

nications, and report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge." That Committee never made a report, and the subject seems to have slept from that time, and we are still without any established order of business, or rules for regulating debate.

In December last I received a communication from Bethesda Lodge, at Danville, Va., asking my permission to admit to membership in that Lodge certain citizens of this State. After consulting Caswell Lodge, I forwarded the required dispensation for the admission of Jno. W. Garrett and William Burton.

I have received letters from several of the Lodges to which Charters were granted at last session, desiring that they might be sent to them; and I would recommend that the Committee on Lodges not represented, be charged with the duty of seeing that all Charters granted are duly executed and forwarded to their proper destination.

You doubtless have learned that the G. L. U. S. at their Session held in Sept. last, engrafted upon the Work of the Order a new degree, intended for the wives of Scarlet members, styled the "Degree of Rebekah." Whatever might have been our individual views, as to the propriety or necessity of adopting this degree, I hope you will concur with me in the opinion that it is our duty to acquiesce, and to adopt such measures as are necessary to place the work in the possession of those Lodges which desire it,—Howard, No. 35, and Samaritan, No. 31, have already applied to me for the degree, and I recommend that they be furnished with it as early as practicable.

Of the books which have been ordered this year, one set has been sent to Constantia Lodge, at Windsor, upon the assurance of the N. G. that he did not receive any at the time of the institution of the Lodge—having used one loaned them by a neighboring Lodge.

Your officers omitted at last session to bring to your notice the debts owing by the Grand Lodge, and it consequently happened that your Representatives to the G. L. U. S. incurred the risk of being disfranchised. It was only a few weeks before the session of that Body that, while looking over the Journal of their proceedings of the previous session—1850—I noticed the resolutions reported by the Committee of Finance and adopted, providing that "no Representative shall be permitted to occupy a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, after the present communication, whose State Grand Lodge shall not have paid all amounts due by said Grand Body to this Grand Lodge." I immediately investigated the matter, and ascertained that the sum of $238, an order for the payment of which was passed at your session in 1850, was still due, together with the indebtedness which had accrued since that time for Rep. tax, and for supplies, amounting in all to $461. Under these circumstances the duty devolved on me of calling a special session of this Body, or of assuming the responsibility of directing the payment of the money at once. I adopted the latter alternative and issued an order on the G. Treasurer for the amount. Indeed, had I preferred calling you together to consider this question, there was not sufficient time after the discovery was made, as, owing to the absence of the G. T., the transaction was not consummated until after the commencement of the session.

I present herewith a communication from Grand Sec'y, Ridgeley, trans-

mitting a report and resolutions of a Committee of the G. L. U. S. in relation to the Wildey Fund and Annuity, to which I invite your careful consideration.

For the convenience of the members in the performance of their Legislative duties, I recommend that the Grand Sec'y be authorized to purchase the volumes of the proceedings of the G. L. U. S., the publication of which was ordered at the last session of that Body.

Complaint having justly been made for two years past in regard to the delay in printing and distributing to the Subordinate Lodges the Journal of your proceedings, I would suggest that a committee be appointed immediately, with authority to contract for the printing of a daily Journal, to be afterwards revised under the supervision of the same committee, for distribution in the usual form. By the adoption of this plan, the members of the Grand Lodge will secure the advantage of having before them in the morning the proceedings of the previous day, and the revised journal may be printed and ready to be forwarded to the different Lodges in a very short time after the adjournment.

At the session held in 1850, P. G. Wm. D. Cooke was authorized to publish, at his own expense, a uniform edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and the Committee appointed to supervise the publication were authorized to subscribe for one hundred and fifty copies, provided the cost of printing and binding the same should not exceed one dollar and fifty cents. At the last session the price per copy was increased to two dollars, with the understanding that the proceedings of that session were to be included in the volume, and an index to the volume also added. I am informed by Bro. Cooke that the work will be delivered during your present session, and I respectfully recommend that a copy be presented to each Subordinate Lodge in this State, and one copy to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in the United States.

The most important subject to which your attention will be directed during your present Communication, will be the condition of your finances, and the adoption of some permanent system, requiring from your officers a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements, by which the members of the Order may be able to learn from an inspection of your journal, not only the *amount* of your expenditure, but also the *items* of which it is composed. I am apprehensive that the available funds will be insufficient to defray the expenses of the session, in which case it will be your duty to devise a plan to meet the deficiency; and it would be well to consider, at the same time, the propriety of returning to the former plan, for the payment of Reps. by the Lodges from which they come.

It should be our aim to reduce the annual expenditures of this Body to as low a point as will meet those expenses which are absolutely necessary, and to divert as little money as possible from the uses of the Subordinate Lodges, and the purposes for which it was originally contributed, viz—the relief of the distressed and the education of the orphan.

In obedience to a resolution adopted at last session, I have procured a letter book which is submitted herewith, with the correspondence with my office for the past year.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

T. H. HARDENBERGH, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Rep. W. L. Steele, the Report of the Grand Master was referred to a select Committee of three, to distribute and report upon it:—Committee, P. G. W. L. Steele, S. D. Wallace, and T. Woodly.

The Grand Secretary presented his Report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In compliance with the Laws of the Order, I herewith present the following Report:

After casting up the semi-annual Returns of the Subordinate Lodges of the State, there appear to be 1602 contributing members within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. During the period between the 1st January and 31st December, 1851, there have been 377 Initiations, 41 Rejections, 33 Admitted by Card, 157 Withdrawn by Card, 7 Reinstated, 51 Suspended, 57 Expelled, 18 Deceased.

There have been received for Initiations, $1,765; for Degrees, $4,255 60; for Dues, $6,175 13½. Amount received for fines and from other sources, $661 50. Amount received for Widow and Orphan's Fund, $1,592 43. Amount received for Education Fund, $88. The whole amount of Revenue, $14,913 51¾. Amount upon which per centage is to be paid, $12,205 29¾; and the amount due the Grand Lodge thereon, $1,220 52.

While on this point, I will herewith submit a statement of accounts with Subordinates during my incumbency in office, and request that the Committee upon this report, would examine and report upon the same.

There have been expended for the Relief of Brothers, $1,663 19½; for Burying the Dead, $477 53½; for the Education of Orphans $70; and for the Relief of Widowed Families, $356 75. Total amount paid out for Relief, $2,567 48.

It is very evident, from the Returns of some of the Subordinates, that they are indebted to the Grand Lodge a larger amount than has been received, as may be seen from the Abstract, and to which I would be gratified if this body would call the attention of the Committee, that said Abstract may be confirmed if correct, and rectified if any errors are therein contained. Many Lodges may suppose they have rendered a just account, and owe nothing, in which opinion they are without doubt honest and sincere; yet I feel it to be my duty to state, that some are in arrears and in errors.

In the Report of P. G. Secretary W. D. Cooke, the attention of the Grand Lodge was called to the tardiness with which Returns are made. And, notwithstanding what was said, and the precautions taken, still the same difficulty exists; and scarcely time was allowed, after the reception of the June Returns, for making up the Report to the Grand Lodge U. S.

In many instances the Returns are not received for some two to two and a half months after the expiration of the time.

I feel satisfied that if the attention of the Lodges and Installing Officers could be called in an impressive manner to this matter, there would not again be occasion for alluding to their duties in this particular.

I hope also that hereafter the Lodges under this Jurisdiction will observe, that

in addition to the Semi-Annual Returns, the Laws of the Grand Lodge require that an *Annual* Report shall also be made by all the Subordinates.

As enquiry has been made by some Lodges relative to indebtedness of previous years, I hope the Grand Lodge will cause all accounts to be properly adjusted by a Committee appointed for that specific purpose.

The Grand Secretary would call the attention of this body to the fact, that all printed documents going through the Post Office have to be pre-paid, and would like some action on your part instructing him relative to Proceedings for Subordinates and Corresponding Grand Lodges.

From a want of Blanks, according to the last form of the Grand Lodge, I had occasion to have some printing done; but from a comparison with other bills, your Secretary is satisfied that in some cases 100 per cent. has been saved this body. As orders are sometimes received for Odes, I would simply inquire if these should be purchased and kept by the Grand Secretary for the use of the Lodges, they paying for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

e. e. A. PAUL REPITON, *G'd. Sec'y.*

On motion of P. G. E. W. Jones, the Report of the Grand Secretary was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of E. W. Jones, G. W. Atkins, and D. G. MacRae.

The Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—P. Grands Jno. N. Washington, Jno. Winslow, and T. Burr, Jr.

Committee on Petitions.—P. Grands J. Wilcox, D. G. MacRae, E. W. Jones.

Committee on Finance.—P. Grands W. S. G. Andrews, M. L. Douglass, and W. B. Myers.

Committee on Returns and Reports of Subordinate Lodges.—P. Grands J. B. Newby, W. H. Clark, and B. B. Lawrence.

Committee on Constitutions, By-Laws, and Rules of Order.—P. Grands Jno. Winslow, T. M. Sackett, and A. A. T. Smith.

Committee on Correspondence.—P. Grands W. L. Steele, T. Burr, Jr., and W. Winslow.

Committee on Subordinate Lodges Not Represented.—P. Grands Jno. C. Wood, T. W. Dewey, and J. B. Williams.

The Grand Treasurer Reported, as follows:

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of N. C., in account with Thomas M. Gardner, Grand Treasurer.

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May 16, 1851	To Cash paid J. Wilcox, D. G. M.'s expenses,	$ 12 50
do do do do do	D. C. Stone, G. W. "	6 75
do do do do do	T. M. Gardner, G. C. "	28 00
do do do do do	George Lauder, G. G. "	29 00
do do do do do	T. A. Montgomery, Rep., "	12 50
do do do do do	B. B. Lawrence, " "	22 00
do do do do do	J. E. Morris, " "	33 50
do do do do do	W. H. Clark, " "	45 50
do do do do do	J. B. Littlejohn, " "	4 50
do do do do do	T. H. Hardenbergh, " "	33 00
do do do do do	A. T. McCallum, " "	28 00
do do do do do	J. B. Webb, " "	24 50
do do do do do	H. H. Gibbons, " "	20 50
do do do do do	W. L. Steele, " "	25 00
do do do do do	J. Winslow, " "	20 00
do do do do do	W. M. Puryear, " "	15 50
do do do do do	A. S. Porter, " "	18 00
do do do do do	W. J. McElroy, " "	12 00
do do do do do	E. W. Jones, " "	46 00
do do do do do	H. J. Brown, Steward, services,	16 40
July 17, do do do do	J. M. Mosley, Rep., expenses,	13 00
Aug. 28, do do do do	G. L. U. S. in full to Sept. Ses., '50,	238 00
do do do do do	Premium on Check,	2 38
Sept. 9, do do do do	G. L. U. S. in full to Sept. Ses., '51,	223 00
do do do do do	Premium on Check,	2 23
Jan. 20. 1852, do do do	A. P. Repiton, for Books G. L. U. S., $31 50; for Prm., 32 cents,	31 82
April 16, do do do do	A. P. Repiton's Expenses Instituting Enterprise Lodge, No. 44,	8 00
	Total Expenditures,	$962 58
	Cash on hand carried to new account,	886 74
		$1,849 32

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May 16, 1851	By Cash received from P. Busbee, G. M.,	$124 75
do do do do do	Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for Bond,	300 00
do do do do do	" " " Interest 3ys, 11ms, 20ds,	71 50
do do do do do	Seaton Gales, G. T.,	141 64
August 7, do do do do do	A. P. Repiton, G. S.,	304 10
Jan. 20, 1852—Do do do do do	do do	213 85
March 10, do do do do do do	do do	164 00
April 12, do do do do do do	do do	175 00
" 16, do do do do do do	do do	68 00
May 4, do do do do do do	do do	125 00
" 10, do do do do do do	do do	143 48
" 12, do do do do do	Neuse Lodge, for Interest on Bond,	18 00
		$1,849 32
May 12, 1852—By Cash on hand to new account,		886 74
do Bond due from Eureka Lodge, No. 7, and In'st., $337 66		
do do do do Neuse " " 6,	300 00—	637 66
Total assets in hands of G. T.,		$1,524 40

e. e. THOS. M. GARDNER, G. T.

On motion of Gr. Rep. Jno. N. Washington, the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON M. W. G. M'S REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the M. W. G. M., for the purpose of distributing the various subjects therein treated of, have performed the duty assigned, and beg leave fraternally to report,

That so much thereof as relates to the issuing of Charters to certain Lodges now working under Dispensations, and the change of name of Iredell Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the meeting of Lodges less often than once in each week, to the Committee on Constitutions, By-Laws and Rules of Order.

So much as relates to D. D. G. M's, their mode of appointment, power, duties, &c., to Committee on State of the Order. Also, that part relating to Rules of Order, &c., to same Committee.

That part referring to the Degree of Rebecca, to a select Committee.

That all that part, relating to the Finances to the Committee on Finance. Also, the communication from Gr. Sec., G. L. U. S., to same Committee.

W. L. STEELE,
S. D. WALLACE,
T. WOODLEY.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed, on the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebecca, P. Grands Jno. N. Washington, T. Burr, Jr., and W. Winslow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment,—the M. W. Grand Master T. H. Hardenbergh in the chair.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

To the R. W. G. L. of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials report that they have examined the credentials of P. G. Calvin Haynes, of Columbus Lodge, No. 27, as Representative from said Lodge, and find them correct, except that he has no certificate of service as P. G. They have, however, received satisfactory evidence of such service.—They have also the credentials of Past Grands Geo. H. Kelley and W. S. Anderson, of Cape Fear, No. 2; Jno. W. Morgan, as Representative from Concordia, No. 11, and his certificate of service as P. G.—and recommend that the P. G's be admitted and the G. L. degree be conferred upon them.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. NEWBY.
W. S. G. ANDREWS.
J. WILCOX.

The Committee on Petitions submitted the following report:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee have examined the papers relating to the petitions, &c., of the following Lodges, and find all things concerning them correct, and recommend that Charters be granted forthwith to the following Lodges, viz:—Catawba, No. 40; Excelsior, No. 41; Lumber River, No. 42; Brown's Creek, No. 43; Enterprise, No. 44.

JULIUS WILCOX,
D. G. MacRAE,
E. W. JONES.

Rep. W. L. Steele, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Standing Committee on Petitions and Grievances be appointed.

Committee, P. G's W. Winslow, W. L. Steele, and E. W. Jones.

Rep. W. S. G. Andrews, of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, presented an appeal from the proceedings of Neuse Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Rep. W. L. Steele, presented an appeal from the proceedings of Piedmont Lodge, No. 25, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

P. G. J. Wilcox, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to assist the Grand Secretary in making out Charters.

Committee, P. G's J. Wilcox, J. B. Williams, and W. H. Clark.

P. G. M. J. B. Newby, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Cross Creek Lodge, No. 4; Concordia, No. 11; Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9; Esperanza, No. 28; Winchester, No. 16; Pee Dee, No. 39; Excelsior, No. 41; Neuse, No. 6; Contentnea, No. 34, and Tuscarora, No. 22, have permission, each once during the ensuing year, to have a procession in regalia, and a public address.

P. G. J. Wilcox, moved that we now proceed to the nomination and election of Officers for the ensuing term. The motion was lost.

Rep. W. S. G. Andrews moved, that when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock, Thursday evening, in case the Grand Master shall call the Lodge together.

P. G. J. E. Morris, moved to amend, by inserting Friday morning 9 o'clock, which amendment was adopted—when, the resolution as amended, was carried.

Rep. W. S. G. Andrews, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives proceed immediately to instruct this Grand Lodge in the unwritten work of the Order.

Subsequently, on motion, the aforesaid resolution was reconsidered, when G. W. J. E. Morris, moved to strike out the word "immediately," and insert, "Friday night;" which amendment was carried

The question then occurred on the passage of the resolution as amended, and it was lost.

The Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, submitted the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to state that they have taken the same under consideration, and report that he has complied with his duty as prescribed by a resolution of this body at its Sixth Annual Communication, to be found on the 16th page, in preparing the annual abstract of the "Returns of Subordinate Lodges, showing the amount of dues from each Lodge. They have considered the very many suggestions contained in the report, but feel that they are such as belong to another officer of this body; consequently, any action of this Committee, or any recommendation by them of another Committee to whom shall be referred these suggestions, would be an encroachment on a co-ordinate branch of authority in the order. They express entire confidence in the zeal, prompting the Grand Secretary in making these suggestions. Fraternally submitted,

E. W. JONES, Ch'n.
G. W. ATKINS,
D. G. MacRAE.

When, on motion of P. G. Rep. J. N. Washington, the report was laid on the table.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Rep. W. S. G. Andrews, of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, made the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the Appeal from the decision of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, expelling John E. Bane, a member of that Lodge, upon charges preferred against him, respectfully report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and have concurred in advising that the expulsion has been premature, and not warranted by the general rules of the Order. By the 25th section of the Digest, page 50, it is declared that, if a member of a Subordinate Lodge refuse to stand trial upon charges duly preferred, he cannot in his absence be tried, but may be expelled for contempt. By the record of Neuse Lodge it does not appear that Mr. Bane was served with notice of the charges, and if nothing else had been brought before the Committee, it is clear that the expulsion would not have been warranted by common justice, nor by the rules of the Order. But a letter accompanies the proceedings, purporting to have been written by Mr. Bane, from which it is manifest that notice was had by him; but at the same time he declines making his appearance. The course of Neuse Lodge ought to have been, if judged expedient, to expel the brother for contempt, but the Lodge had no power to expel on the charges preferred.

The Committee therefore recommend, that the sentence of expulsion be revers-

ed and rescinded, and that the matter be remanded to Neuse Lodge, for such further legal action as it may deem proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. L. & T.

WARREN WINSLOW,
E. W. JONES,
W. L. STEELE.

The Committee on Finance submitted a Report on Accounts not previously presented, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the following accounts submitted by the Grand Secretary, and find them correct, viz:

One in favor of Thomas Loring, for Printing,	- -	$19 25
" " Herald Office, "	- - -	3 25
" " A. Paul Repiton, Salary,	- - -	250 00
" " Postage and Stationery,	- - -	17 41

We recommend that they be paid out of any monies in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

W. S. G. ANDREWS, Ch'n.
M. L. DOUGLASS,
W. B. MYERS.

The Committee on Charters presented their Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee who were to assist the Grand Secretary in making out the Charters for such Lodges as had applied for them, have completed the work and have delivered the Charters to the Grand Secretary.

J. WILCOX,
J. B. WILLIAMS,
W. H. CLARK.

The Committee presented the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Grand Master, relative to semi-monthly meetings of Subordinate Lodges—beg leave respectfully to report:

That they concur with the Grand Master as to the power of this Lodge, and advancement of officers of Lodges who meet only semi-monthly.

They further report, that Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37, meets but twice a month; but whether their officers serve 13 or 26 nights, your Committee do not know.

They further report, that Thaddeus Lodge, No. 5, meets semi-monthly; and that they are informed that the officers of this Lodge serve only 13 nights, which is in open conflict with Article 3, sec. 17, page 49 of the Digest.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. WINSLOW,
ARCH'D A. T. SMITH,
T. M. SACKETT.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of J. M. Happoldt, from the decision of Piedmont Lodge, No. 25, whereby said Happoldt was expelled, have had the same under consideration and beg leave fraternally to report:

That it appears that the action of said Lodge was predicated upon certain charges preferred; of which it has the sole and exclusive right to determine as to whether they were sustained. There is no informality in the proceedings, and so far as your Committee can judge, the expelled member had due notice and a fair trial. The charges are, in the opinion of the Committee, of a grave character, and sufficient, if proved, to warrant the result of the action, against which the complaint is made.

They, therefore, recommend that the decision of Piedmont Lodge, be affirmed. Fraternally,

W. WINSLOW,
E. W. JONES,
W. L. STEELE.

Subsequently the Report was reconsidered and recommitted.

Rep. P. Thurston offered the following, which was carried:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have 60 copies of the daily Journal of the Proceedings printed for the use of the members, and 500 copies of the entire Proceedings, to be delivered by the 15 July next.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to the time appointed.

FRIDAY, May 14, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. The M. W. Grand Master, T. H. Hardenbergh, in the Chair.

The Proceedings of Wednesday were read and approved.

P. G. S. B. Evans was introduced and received the P. G. and G. Lodge Degrees.

Grand Rep. John Winslow, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of N. C.:

Before submitting to you a detailed report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, permit me to return to you my heartfelt acknowledgements for the honor conferred on me, in your selection, as one of your R. W. G. Representatives.

I had supposed at the time of my election, that I had fully appreciated your kindness, but after meeting Representatives from all parts of this glorious Union —after a formation of new and valued acquaintances—after an unrestrained and fraternal intercourse on the subject of our beloved Order—after witnessing the zeal, ardor and devotion of the Representatives of different States in the cause of Odd Fellowship—after the glowing accounts of the increasing prosperity of our Institution—after an association, as pleasurable as instructive—restrained by the

dignity of my position and the rules of the Order on one hand, and as unembarrassed as the conventional rules of society would admit on the other—I feel constrained to again thank you with feelings too big for utterance, for the honor conferred.

Our last session was the largest that has convened. North and South, East and West, literally poured in their numbers. And from the mighty ocean, far, far away from us—from the great Pacific—appeared a Representative, to hold sweet communion with us, and to carry with him, back to his island home, the wishes, the hopes, the substantial aid of his brethren in our great and happy country. Although representing no grand body, yet, coming as he did, over the bosom of the tempest tost ocean, league upon league, with no object in view but that of mankind—the spread of our Order—he was admitted as a Representative, but constitutionally he had no power to vote. But his cry was heard. To you, to all of us, that voice is addressed. To you, to all, that appeal must not be in vain. Our W. G. M. will call your attention to the nature of the appeal, and to you is it submitted, and not without hope.

Officers.—I refer you to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on this part of my report.

Order and Statistics.—There were 32 Grand Lodges and 23 Grand Encampments represented. There were in attendance, including officers, about 100 members.

During the last year there has been extended in relief, demanded of us in various ways, about $500,000.

Our Order numbers now within a fraction of 200,000 members.

Upwards of 30,000 Initiations have taken place in the last year, that is, up to October, last.

Finance.—The committee of Finance reported as follows:

Due from individuals and Grand Bodies, - -	$1,028
Maryland six per cent Stocks, - - - -	2,800
Wildey Loan, - - - -	6,241
Cash on hand, (with Treasurer,) - - - -	16,863
Amount,	$26,932
In addition, including their supply of Books, Odes, Cards, &c., at their then estimate, makes a grand total of	$38,198

The receipts for the present year, that is, from October, 1851, to October, 1852, are estimated at $14,311.

It is proper to state, although it was thought that this estimate was too small, that a portion of this estimated amount, includes, at a cost of $2 per volume, the sale of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from its commencement to the present time, in three volumes.

It was supposed, while on this subject, that the sale of the book containing the Ladies Degree, would place at the disposal of the G. L., a sum of $2,000, ready to meet any deficiency.

An amendment to the Constitution was passed by a large vote, increasing the Representative tax from $20 to $50.

The expenses of the Lodge for the year as above, is estimated at $14,853.

I would remark, however, before concluding this branch of the subject, that an amendment has been proposed, bringing down the Representative tax to the old standard of $20.

Constitution, &c.—A variety of amendments to the Constitution was passed upon by the G. L. U. S., and nearly all failed. See Proceedings. Many amendments were proposed, which, under the Rule, lie over for the space of one year. Among amendments passed were the following, to wit: Giving each Grand Body power to remove the place of its annual meeting, if desired, instead of asking permission of the Grand Lodge. 2d. Requiring all Representatives to be contributing members of some Subordinate Encampment, instead of the requisition of the possession of the R. P. Degree only. I, however, refer this body to the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Decisions.—A few Decisions were made. (See Proceedings.)

Ladies Degree.—A Degree to be conferred upon the wives of Scarlet Degree members, was passed by a majority of 10 votes; against which, your undersigned and his colleague voted, under instruction of this body.

In concluding this Report, allow me to congratulate you on the increase in the number, respectability and good conduct of the Brotherhood, and to express the hope, as well as the belief, that the little rill, which a while back, was as a silver thread, faintly seen in the eye of man's good wishes, will become the giant stream to roll in grandeur and beauty, bearing upon its bosom the freight of every good that is commanded of us; cheering us with its sparkling waters, and losing itself only in the great ocean of time.

All of which is submitted respectfully,

J. WINSLOW, R. W. G. R.

On motion of P. G. J. Wilcox, the Report of Grand Rep. John Winslow, was laid on the table.

P. G. W. H. Chiles was introduced and received the Grand Lodge and Past Grand's Degree.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington,

Resolved, That the contract entered into by the Grand Secretary, with P. G. T. Burr, Jr., be rescinded so far as relates to the printing of the daily Journal. Bro. Burr having stated to the Grand Lodge that it will be impossible for him to carry the same into execution—and that the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby empowered to settle with P. G. Burr for the work he has already performed, at a fair price.

Which was carried.

On motion of Rep. E. T. Rice, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will proceed to the Election of its Officers for the ensuing year at 11½ o'clock, A. M., to-day.

On motion of P. G. J. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives do now instruct the members of the Grand Lodge in the Degree of Rebecca.

A motion was then made to defer the matter, when P. G. A. Paul Repiton moved that the subject be laid on the table until the report of the Committee be submitted. Carried.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Reports:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the undersigned, Committee on Finance, having examined the Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the year ending 12th May, 1852, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that the G. T. has received the sum of one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine dollars and thirty-two cents, and paid out according to vouchers exhibited to us, the sum of nine hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty-eight cents, which leaves in his hands a balance of eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-four cents, in cash; also, two bonds, amounting in principal and interest, to $637 66; making in all, one thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and forty cents, which agrees with the report of said officer.

We find in the hands of the G. Secretary, a balance of thirty-four dollars and thirty-four cents, which corresponds with his report. We also find remaining in the hands of former G. Sec., (W. D. Cooke,) the sum of sixty dollars and forty two cents. We find due from Subordinate Lodges, as appears by the abstract of the Grand Secretary, after deducting amounts overpaid by Subordinate Lodges, the sum of one hundred and twenty-two dollars and eighty-six cents; making in the aggregate, $1,742 02.

Neuse Lodge, No. 6, holds a receipt for the interest due on its bond for the year ending May, 1851. We recommend that the G. T. be instructed to credit the amount of said receipt on the bond.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

W. S. G. ANDREWS,
M. L. DOUGLASS,
W. B. MYERS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee of Finance beg leave to report, We have received from P. G. Sec., Cooke, through the Grand Master, the account herewith submitted.

We call your attention to the following item: "To balance due on 150 copies bound Proceedings $75 00." By reference to page 345, Journal of 1850, and page 381, Journal of 1851, you will find that this Grand Lodge authorized P. G. Sec. Cooke to publish a uniform bound edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its organization, at his own expense, and the G. L. subscribed for 150 copies of the same at $1 50 per volume, which was afterwards increased to $2 00, on condition that he include the proceedings of 1851 and add an index to the whole. It appears by this account that Bro. Cooke has received $225 00 in advance on the work. As it has not been delivered, we think the Grand Lodge should not pay the balance until the work is received. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the account of P. G. Sec. Cooke be returned to him and not

paid until he shall have delivered the copies of the Journal subscribed for by this Lodge.

Grand Lodge of N. C., I. O. O. F.

To W. D. Cooke, Dr.

To balance due on 150 copies bound Proceedings,	$75 00
To Printing Proceedings for 1851,	100 00
To Postage paid on package to Wil.,	72
To Printing Blank forms,	40 00
	215 72
By Cash from Columbus Lodge, June, 1851,	13 51
	$202 21

Raleigh, May 10th, 1852.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. S. G. ANDREWS,
M. L. DOUGLASS,
W. B. MYERS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned, members of the Committee of Finance, finding that they are compelled to leave at 1 o'clock, respectfully request that they be excused from further service on said Committee.

W. S. G. ANDREWS,
May 14th, 1852. W. B. MYERS.

On motion, they were excused, and G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, appointed Rep. W. H. Michal, and P. G. W. L. Smith, to act on that Committee.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received:

To the R. W. G. L. of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report, that Certificates of Representation and service have been presented to them, by which they find that Wm. H. Chiles has served a regular term as N. G., and has been duly elected Representative from Caswell Lodge, No. 32. They also find that P. G. J. Disosway has been elected Representative from Eureka Lodge, No. 7. The Certificates being in due form, your Committee recommend the adoption of the appended resolution. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. NEWBY.
W. S. G. ANDREWS,
J. WILCOX.

Resolved, That P. G. Wm. H. Chiles be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge and receive the past official Degrees to which he is entitled. And also, that Rep. Disosway be admitted to a seat.

On motion of Rep. R. A. Caldwell:

Resolved, That Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, have permission to appear in regalia and have a public procession on the 1st Tuesday in June next.

Carried.

The Committee on By-Laws submitted the following, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The undersigned, appointed at your last annual communication, under a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee "whose duty it shall be to examine carefully the Constitution and By-Laws of every Lodge in this jurisdiction, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge," respectfully beg leave to report, That they have examined the By-Laws of the Lodges hereinafter named, all which have come into the hands of your committee.

Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2. They find correct according to the "General Laws."

Washington, No. 3. "Constitution." Article 5, sec. 1, as to qualification of V. G., conflicts with article 7, Gen. Laws. Article 3, as to length of terms, conflicts with article 6, Gen. Laws. By-Laws. Article 17, sec. 2, (of ballots,) conflicts with Art. 31, Gen. Laws. Article 17, sec. 3, conflicts with Article 2. Article 19, (as to good standing,) conflicts with Art. 3, sec. 13, division 3d, Digest. Article 24, sec. 4, in the opinion of your committee, a Subordinate Lodge has no authority to consider a member as having voluntarily withdrawn. He must either withdraw by card or written resignation; see Article 8, sec. 14, division 3, Digest. Article 37, sec. 1, 2, and 3; your committee find no authority given to Subordinate Lodges to compel the attendance of members not officers. Article 10, Gen. Laws and Article 3, sec. 13, division 3, Digest; and as to voluntary renunciations, see opinion expressed above in relation to Article 24, sec. 4.

Cross Creek, No. 4. Correct according to Gen. Laws.

Thaddeus, No. 5. Constitution. Article 2, sec. 2, (of ballots,) conflicts with Article 31, Gen. Laws. Article 2, sec. 4, (of Admission by Card,) conflicts with Article 33, Gen. Laws. Article 4, sec. 9, (as to presiding officer in absence of N. G.) conflicts with Article 3, sec. 19, div. 3, Digest. Article 5, sec. 4, (of blank ballots,) see decision of G. Sire Sherlock, vol. 2, page 267, proceedings G. L. U. S. By-Laws. Article 1, sec. 2, (as to filling Chair,) see Article 2, Gen. Laws. Article 2, sec. 1, (of blank ballots,) see opinion as above on Article 5, sec. 4, Constitution. Article 5, sec. 4; same as Article 2, sec. 1.

Manteo, No. 8, Article 11, (of trial on charges preferred in absence of member so charged,) conflicts with Article 3, sec. 25, page 50, Digest. Article 18, (of Travelling Cards,) conflicts with Art. 7, sec. 8, page 31, Digest.

Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9. Article 10, sec. 4, (of Ministers of the Gospel,) conflicts with Article 30, Gen. Laws. Article 2, sec. 2, By-Laws, (as to Dues,) conflicts with Article 4, Gen. Laws. Article 4, sec. 19, (of Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, div. 3, Digest.

Neuse, No. 6. Article 10, sec. 1, (of suspended members in relation to benefits,) conflicts with decision of G. L. U. S.; see page 382, 383 and 389, general proceedings G. L. U. S., 1849. Article 15, sec. 4, (of Travelling Card,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, page 36, Digest.

Phalanx, No. 10. Correct with the General Laws.

Achoree, No. 14. Correct with the General Laws.

Winchester, No. 16. Article 3, sec. 1, (of Dues,) conflicts with Article

4, Gen. Laws. Article 14, latter clause, (as to trial of absent members,) is in conflict with Article 3, sec. 25, page 50, Digest.

Smyrna, No. 18. Article 2, typographical error, P. G. for V. G. Article 19, (of Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, div. 3, Digest.

Mountain, No. 19. Article 9, sec. 12, (of Travelling Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, page 36. Article 11, (of Charges,) conflicts with Article 3, sec. 25, page 50, Digest. Article 20; same as Article 9, sec. 12. Rules of Order, No. 6, we find is in violation of the unwritten work of the Order, and we recommend that the Representative of this Lodge be instructed to erase the same before he returns the Constitution and By-Laws to his Lodge.

Muchuena, No. 20. Article 9, sec. 1, (of Dues,) conflicts with Article 4, General Laws. Art. 9, sec. 2, (of voluntary renunciation,) see opinion of Committee on Article 24, sec. 4, Washington Lodge.

Buena Vista, No. 21. Correct according to General Laws.

Tuscarora, No. 22. Article 13, (of Dues,) conflicts with Article 4, General Laws. Article 25, (of Suspensions,) conflicts with decision of G. L. U. S.; see pages 382, 391, proceedings of 1849. Article 28, sec. 3, (of Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, div. 2, Digest.

Oriental, No. 24. Article 13, sec. 2, By-Laws; see Post. Rules of Order, Articles 6 and 18, (as to adjournments,) conflicts with Article 6, General Laws.

Piedmont, No. 25. Article 25, latter clause, (of Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, page 36, Digest. Article 26, (of admission by Card,) conflicts with Article 33, General Laws.

North State, No. 26. Article 6, sec. 1; Constitution; (of neglect of Guardians,) conflicts with Article 21, General Laws. Article 11, sec. 1, (of Dues,) conflicts with Article 4, General Laws. Article 11, sec. 4, (of Ministers,) conflicts with Article 30, General Laws. By-Laws. Article 7, (of election of S. and T.) conflicts with Article 5, General Laws. Article 20, sec. 2; see Post. Article 21, (of neglect of Guardian,) conflicts with Article 21, General Laws.

Esperanza, No. 28. Article 16, sec. 3, (as to Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, page 36, Digest.

Falling Creek, No. 29. By-Laws. Article 17, (of Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, page 36, Digest.

Yadkin, No. 30. By-Laws. Article 25, sec. 2, (of age of candidates for membership,) conflicts with Article 3, sec. 9, page 49, Digest.

Samaritan, No. 31. Article 25, (of election of members,) not explicit; see Article 21, General Laws. Article 26, (of Cards,) conflicts with Article 3, sec. 8, page 36, Digest.

Caswell, No. 32. By-Laws. Article 18, (of Cards,) conflicts with Article 7, sec. 8, page 36, Digest.

Occidental, No. 33. By-Laws. Article 13, (neglect of Guardian,) conflicts with Article 21, General Laws. Article 16, sec. 2, (of Ministers and amount for Degrees,) conflicts with Article 30, General Laws. Article 17, sec. 7, (of Ballots,) conflicts with Article 30, General Laws. Article 24, sec. 4; see opinion of Committee on Article 24, sec. 4, Washington Lodge. Article 30, sec. 2, (of Expulsions,) conflicts with Article 3, sec. 25, Digest. Article 36, sec. 1, (of attendance of members,) see opinion of committee as

expressed above. Article 36, sec. 3, (of voluntary renunciation,) see A cle 24, sec. 4.

Salem, No. 36. Same as Yadkin; which see.

Olive Branch, No. 37. By-Laws. Article 2, sec, 2 and 3, (of Ballo conflicts with Article 31, General Laws. Article 2, sec. 4, (of admissi by Card,) conflicts with Article 33, General Laws. Article 4, sec. 3, y committee is at a loss to know what is meant by "Peers" in the Article, in a Subordinate Lodge all the members are on an equality. Article 4, s 9, (of presiding officer in absence of N. G.) conflicts with Article 3, sec page 49, Digest. Article 5, sec. 5, (of absence of officers,) conflicts w Article 12, General Laws.

Constantia, No. 38. Article 16, sec. 3, (of Cards,) conflicts with A cle 7, sec. 8, page 36, Digest.

Pee Dee, No. 39. Article 10, sec. 1, (of Dues,) conflicts with Arti 8, General Laws.

Catawba, No. 40. Article 6, sec. 1, (neglect of Guardian,) confli with Article 21, General Laws. Article 11, sec. 1, (of Dues,) confli with Article 4, General Laws. Article 11, sec. 4, [of Ministers,] confli with Article 30, General Laws. By-Laws. Article 18, [of Guardian conflicts with Article 21 of General Laws. Rules of Order, 12, [as to journment,] conflicts with Article 16 of General Laws.

Excelsior, No. 41. Articles 6 and 8, [of Dues,] is in conflict with A cle 4, General Laws. Article 10, sec. 3, [of Ministers,] conflicts w Article 30, General Laws. Article 14, [of admission by Card,] confli with Article 34, General Laws.

Lumber River, No. 42. Correct according to General Laws.

At the last Communication of this Body, Article 20, sec. 2, of the Laws of North State Lodge, No. 26, was, by resolution, specially refer to the committee on By-Laws.

Your committee, after much and anxious deliberation, have arrived at conclusion that the execution of said By-Law amounts in substance and fact, to expulsion. That a Lodge has power to suspend a member for payment of dues, there can be no doubt, but that on the payment of all rearages the member suspended is, ipso facto, restored to membership; page 82 and 83, proceedings G. L. U. S., 1849. That a member ca *expelled* only according to Article 19, sec. 2, General Laws. Your c mittee further report, that they find the same Law in the Laws of Excel Lodge, and one also in Oriental Lodge. Your committee further rep that they discover in the By-Laws of several of the Lodges, a provision ing authority to the V. G. to appoint his Supporters. This is in ac dance with the General Laws, but in open conflict with the 3d Article, 15, page 49 of the Digest.

Thaddeus Lodge, No. 5, and Olive Branch, No. 37. meet semi-mont and provide for a term of six months official service. This would con the officers to serve only 13 nights, and confer advancement, which i violation of the law, requiring a service of 26 nights.

The committee further report, that they recommend a revision of General Laws, and that a committee for that purpose be appointed to re at next Communication.

Your committee further recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the different Subordinate Lodges amend their Constitution and By-laws, in accordance with said Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. WINSLOW,
T. M. SACKETT,
GEO. LAUDER.

The Committee on Returns and Reports submitted the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the undersigned, Committee on Reports and Returns, after making careful examination, beg leave to make the following report:

We find the following Returns and Reports to be in form for the term ending June 30, 1851.

Cape Fear	Lodge,	No.	2,	Winchester	Lodge,	No.	16,
Washington	"	"	3,	Smyrna	"	"	18,
Cross Creek	"	"	4,	Muchuena	"	"	20,
Thaddeus	"	"	5,	Oriental	"	"	24,
Neuse	"	"	6,	Piedmont	"	"	25,
Mecklenburg Dec.	"	"	9,	Columbus	"	"	27,
Phalanx	"	"	10,	Falling Creek	"	"	29,
Concordia	"	"	11,	Howard	"	"	35,
Achoree	"	"	14,				

The following reports have no seal:

Eureka	Lodge,	No.	7,	Yadkin	Lodge,	No.	30.
Manteo	"	"	8,	Samaritan	"	"	31,
Mountain	"	"	19,	Caswell	"	"	32,
Tuscarora,	"	"	22,	Occidental	"	"	33,
Tryon	"	"	23,	Contentnea	"	"	34,
North State	"	"	26,	Constantia	"	"	38,
Esperanza	"	"	28,				

Buena Vista " " 21, has not the N. G. signed.

The following Lodges have made no returns for term ending June 30th, 1851.

Trent	Lodge,	No.	12,	Salem	Lodge,	No.	36,
Franklin	"	"	13,	Olive Branch	"	"	37,
Covenant	"	"	17,	Pedee	"	"	39,

The following returns and reports for term ending December 31st, 1851, are found to be in form:

Cape Fear	Lodge,	No.	2,	Mountain	Lodge,	No.	19,
Neuse	"	"	6,	Tuscarora	"	"	22,
Eureka	"	"	7,	Oriental	"	"	24,
Meck. Declaration	"	"	9,	Esperanza	"	"	28,
Phalanx,	"	"	10,	Samaritan	"	"	31,
Concordia	"	"	11,	Howard	"	"	35,
Achoree	"	"	14,	Constantia	"	"	38,
Smyrna	"	"	18,				

The following reports have no seal:

Washington	Lodge,	No.	3,	Falling Creek	Lodge,	No.	29,
Cross Creek	"	"	4,	Yadkin	"	"	30,
Thaddeus	"	"	5,	Caswell	"	"	32,
Manteo	"	"	8,	Occidental	"	"	33,
Winchester	"	"	16,	Contentnea	"	"	34,
Muchuena	"	"	20,	Salem	"	"	36,
Buena Vista	"	"	21,	Olive Branch	"	"	37,
Piedmont	"	"	25,	Pedee	"	"	39,
North State	"	"	26,	Catawba	"	"	40,
Columbus	"	"	27,	Excelsior	"	"	41,

The following Lodges have made no returns for the term ending December 31st, 1851:

Trent	Lodge,	No.	12,	Covenant	Lodge,	No.	17,
Franklin	"	"	13,	Tryon	"	"	23,

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. CLARK,
B. B. LAWRENCE,
J. B. NEWBY.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the letters to the Grand Master, and his official replies, have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave fraternally to report:

That, although the business of his office has been exceedingly voluminous and troublesome, and involved a necessity for great research and a familiar acquaintance with the laws and usages of the Order, our most worthy and highly respected head, has proved himself equal to his situation, and has discharged his duties with consummate ability.

Your committee do not find any thing demanding special attention, unless it be the matters set forth in a communication from the Secretary of Cross Creek Lodge, in reference to the admission of one of its suspended members, into a Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. It appears that a certain person was initiated into Cross Creek Lodge, in 1844, who lived in another State. In 1850, the individual referred to was suspended for non payment of dues. Shortly thereafter, upon the payment of the *initiation fee*, he was admitted into Magnolia Lodge, S. C., and received all the Degrees without further expense—having taken them in Fayetteville. These are the material facts.

It seems to your committee, that it is clear from this statement, that Magnolia Lodge *must have known* that this person *had been* a member of another Lodge and as he had no Card, that he must be *either in good standing* at the time, *or suspended or expelled.* This is an inevitable conclusion from the facts, and your committee cannot understand, therefore, how the Lodge referred to, could have so far forgotten its duties as to commit so clear a violation of the laws of the Order. There is no way by which any person who has ever been a member, can enter another Lodge except by Card; and a Lodge in one State cannot *initiate* a citi

en of another, without a Dispensation from the Grand Master of the State in which the applicant lives. This is clear and unquestionable.

Your committee have thought it their duty to bring this subject to the attention of this R. W. Grand Body, in such a way as to have it spread upon the Journals; and we cannot but hope that no occurrence of the kind will hereafter take place.

Fraternally submitted,

W. L. STEELE,
W. WINSLOW,
T. BURR, Jr.

On motion of P. G. J. Wilcox,

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Which motion was carried.

Rep. W. S. G. Andrews stated that he was compelled to leave, and prayed to be excused from the Committee on Credentials. When on motion of P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington, he was excused, and the Grand Master appointed Rep. J. A. Weirman to fill his place.

The Report of the Committee on the G. Secretary's report was taken up, and on motion was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Lodge proceeded to that business.

P. G. Peter Thurston, nominated P. G. Warren Winslow, and P. G. G. W. Vinters nominated P. G. Rep. J. N. Washington.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. W. L. Steele, P. G. M. I. Disosway and P. G. D. G. MacRae, tellers to count the votes, who reported that P. G. Warren Winslow, had received a majority of the votes cast, and was declared elected.

Nominations for D. G. Master being called for, P. G. Rep. J. N. Washington nominated P. G. J. E. Morris, and Rep. E. T. Rice nominated Rep. E. W. Jones.

The vote being taken, the committee reported that Rep. E. W. Jones had received a majority of the votes, and was declared elected.

Nominations for Grand Secretary being called for, P. G. Rep. J. N. Washington nominated P. G. A. Paul Repiton, Rep. R. A. Caldwell nominated Rep. M. L. Douglass, and Rep. T. M. Sackett nominated P. G. D. G. MacRae.

The vote being taken, the committee reported that P. G. Repiton had received a majority of the votes cast, when he was declared elected.

Nominations for Grand Treasurer were called for. Rep. W. S. G. Andrews nominated P. G. Thomas M. Gardner.

The vote being taken the committee reported that P. G. Gardner had received a majority of the votes cast, when he was declared elected.

Nominations for Grand Warden being called for, P. G. T. W. Dewey nominated Rep. W. H. Clark, P. G. A. T. McCallum nominated P. G. T. Woodley, P. G. T. M. Gardner nominated Rep. Peter Thurston, Rep. W. C. Blount nominated P. G. J. B. Webb.

The ballot being taken the committee reported that P. G. Peter Thurston had received a majority of the votes, when he was declared elected.

Nominations for Grand Representative being called for, Rep. W. S. G. Andrews nominated P. G. Walter L. Steele.

Upon a ballot being had, P. G. W. L. Steele was unanimously elected.

Nominations for Grand Chaplain being called for, P. G. J. B. Webb nominated P. G. Geo. W. Venters; Rep. T. M. Sackett nominated Rep. M. L. Douglass.

A ballot being had, Rep. M. L. Douglass was declared elected.

On motion of P. G. W. L. Steele,

Resolved, That Rep. W. S. G. Andrews be excused during the balance of the Session.

Carried.

On motion of P. G. M. J. B. Newby,

Resolved, That we now proceed to the installation of the officers.

Carried.

The M. W. Grand Master, T. H. Hardenbergh, proceeded to instal P. G. Warren Winslow into the office of Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following officers, viz:

P. G. A. Paul Repiton,	Grand Secretary,
P. G. Thomas M. Gardner,	Grand Treasurer,
P. G. Peter Thurston,	Grand Warden.

The following appointments were then made by the G. Master:

P. G. John A. Weirman,	Grand Conductor,
P. G. R. W. King,	Grand Guardian,

Who were installed into office.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 5 o'clock, P. M.

5 o'clock, P. M., May 14.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. The Grand Master in the chair.

Rep. E. W. Jones was presented and installed as Deputy Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

The committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of N. C.:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Report relative to Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge, have considered the same, and beg leave to report:

That without enquiring into the reasons which have heretofore delayed the report upon this subject by a former committee, the necessity of such a code for the proper transaction of the business of the Grand Lodge still exists; and inasmuch as the time is insufficient at the present session of this Grand Body for the compilation and preparation of a suitable code for the above purposes, your committee recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to attend to this duty, and report at the next communication of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
TALCOTT BURR, Jr.,
J. WINSLOW.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The committee on Lodges not represented, submitted the following Report, which was adopted, and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting on Lodges not represented in this Grand Body, beg leave to report the following Lodges that are not represented:

Washington	Lodge, No. 3,		Samaritan	Lodge, No. 31,	
Concordia	" " 11,		Occidental	" " 33,	
Trent	" " 12,		Howard	" " 35,	
Franklin	" " 13,		Salem	" " 36,	
Smyrna	" " 18,		Olive Branch	" " 37,	
Tryon	" " 23,		Constantia	" " 38,	
Piedmont	" " 25,		Catawba	" " 40,	
Columbus	" " 27,		Enterprize	" " 44,	
Yadkin	" " 30,				

The following Lodges are represented, but their Representatives have no certificates of service.

Meck. Dec.	Lodge, No. 9,	Contentnea	Lodge, No. 34,
Oriental	" " 24,	Pedee	" " 39,

The following Lodges are represented by proxy.

Iredell Lodge, No. 41, and Lumber River Lodge, No. 42.

The appointment of P. G. Thurston, as proxy Representative, from Salem Lodge, No. 36, not having been concurred in by this body, as will be seen above, that Lodge is not represented, also.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. WOOD,
THOS. W. DEWEY,
J. B. WILLIAMS.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington, a committee called a Standing Committee on Unfinished Business, was appointed.

Committee, P. G. M's., I. Disosway, J. B. Newby, and Rep. T. M. Sackett.

The report of the committee on the appeal from the decision of Piedmont Lodge, No. 25, was taken up and read; when, on motion, the report was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee on Rules of Order:

P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington, P. G. M. I. Disosway, and P. G. J. C. Justice.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance, having examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend that they be paid, viz: An account of twelve dollars and five cents, in favor of T. H. Hardenbergh, for Letter Book, Printing G. Master's report, and Postage account. And also, an account of fifty dollars in favor of Gibbs & Smith of Baltimore, for two setts G. R. Regalia.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

M. L. DOUGLASS,
W. H. MICHAL,
W. L. SMITH.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the M. W. G. Master and Members of the G. L. N. C.:

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as refers to the appointment of D. D. G. Masters, and their authority, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that they see no great necessity for officers of that denomination. But, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge contemplated their existence by laying off the State into Districts, your committee can see no reason why the Grand Master should not have power to appoint Deputies for the Districts in which there shall not be, for the time being, a Deputy Grand Master elected. Your committee would further state, that they entirely concur with the Grand Master that these officers, when

appointed, have no other powers than those specially delegated to them by the G. Master.

They, therefore, submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Master, for the time being, have authority to appoint D. D. G. Masters for such Districts (according to the plan laid down at the Communication of 1847,) as there shall not be a Deputy Grand Master elected. Which officers, when appointed, shall have such powers only, as shall be specially delegated to them from time to time by the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
TALCOTT BURR, Jr.,
J. WINSLOW.

The Grand Secretary requested instruction relative to prepaying postage on sundry documents, printing Charters, purchase of Odes, &c., which subject was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of P. G. W. L. Steele, the Grand Lodge took up the following resolution, offered at the last session:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held on Wednesday after the third Monday of May, in each and every year."

P. G. W. L. Steele, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "Wednesday after the third," and inserting "second."

Rep. Caldwell, moved to amend the amendment by striking out "second" and inserting "fourth," which was rejected.

Rep. Caldwell moved the previous question.

The Grand Master decided that the previous question was not in force in this Grand Lodge.

From which decision, P. G. Rep. Washington appealed, and called for the yeas and nays.

And the question being put, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the Grand Lodge?" it was decided in the affirmative.—Yeas 30, Nays 6.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Dep. G. M. E. W. Jones, Gr. Sec. A. Paul Repiton, Gr. Tr. Thos. M. Gardner, Gr. Rep. W. L. Steele, Gr. Chap. M. L. Douglass, Gr. Conductor, J. A. Weirman, P. G. Rep. T. Burr, Jr., P. G's. W. L. Smith, W. E. Anderson, John C. Wood, D. G. MacRae, T. M. Sackett, P. G. M. J. B. Newby, Rep. G. W. Atkins, P. G. M. I. Disosway, P. G. J. C. Justice, T. W. Dewey, R. Shaw, P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, P. G. J. B. Williams, W. H. Clark, B. B. Lawrence, W. H. Michal, D. Parish, E. T. Rice, J. Wilcox, J. B. Webb, H. L. Ward, C. Haynes, and W. C. Blount.—30.

Those voting in the negative, are

Gr. Warden P. Thurston, Gr. Guardian R. W. King, P. G. W. J. E. Morris, P. G. Rep. J. N. Washington, Reps. Morgan and Caldwell.--6.

Reps. C. Haynes and B. B. Lawrence, were excused for the balance of the session.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 8½ o'clock, P. M.

May 14th, 8½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. The Grand Master in the chair.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was taken up, and on motion of P. G. J. Wilcox, it was adopted. The resolution attached was also adopted.

The following resolution was introduced:

"*Resolved*, That our Representative to the Grand Lodge is hereby desired to request that Grand Body to furnish this (Phalanx) Lodge, with the Degree of Rebeka, as soon as practicable. J. W. REDDING, Sec'y."

On motion, the above request was referred to the committee on said Degree.

Gr. Rep. John Winslow, introduced the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and General Laws of this Grand Lodge—and have the same printed for examination at next session.

Committee, P. G's Jno. Winslow, J. B. Newby, and T. M. Sackett.

P. G. J. Wilcox, introduced the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this G. L., are due and are hereby tendered to P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties incident to the office of Grand Master of the State.

P. G. J. Wilcox, offered the following, which was also adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this G. L., be tendered to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for the kind, hospitable and ample manner in which they have entertained this Grand Lodge and also to the citizens of Wilmington.

The following Representatives were excused during the balance of the session, viz: P. G's E. T. Rice, J. B. Williams, C. Haynes, T. M. Sackett, Wm. C. Blount, and G. W. Atkins.

A motion was made to go into the unwritten work of the Order which was lost.

Rep. Caldwell offered a resolution to adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow; which was carried.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M., May 15th.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. The Grand Master in the chair.

Leave of absence was granted Rep. Morgan, of Concordia Lodge, No. 11; also, Rep. R. W. King.

Grand Rep. Jno. N. Washington, submitted the following Report, which was ordered to be printed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned begs leave to tender to your Right Worthy Body, his very sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon him in making him your G. Representative to the G. L. U. S., for the two years just past. And, in closing his official service in that capacity, avails himself of the precedent established in such cases, to allude briefly to the transactions of the Grand Body to which he was a Representative for the period stated.

The undersigned did not attend the Communication of the G. L. U. S., held in Cincinnati, during the year 1850, in consequence of the prevalence of cholera in that region of country. Neither did his then colleague, P. G. Rep. Jno. H. Manly. In fact, the undersigned was given to understand, from those high in authority, that there would either be no Communication at all, or, that it would be held at some more salubrious place.

The attendance at Cincinnati was by no means large; and the proceedings, both in the Convention for altering the Constitution, and in the Annual Communication, were not of much consequence to the Order, as you are already aware.

The undersigned had the pleasure of being present at the Communication held in Baltimore during the month of September of last year; ably and efficiently assisted by his very gentlemanly colleague, Grand Rep. John Winslow.

The printed proceedings of that Communication are already in your possession; it will, therefore, be wholly unnecessary, if not improper, to detain your Body here by entering into a detailed account of them.

The session was an agreeable one; generally harmonious, and, (I take it upon myself to say,) composed of as fine a set of gentlemen, as one would rarely meet with.

I do not remember that anything of unusual importance occupied its deliberations, with the single exception of an additional Degree attempted to be grafted on the Order, designated as the Degree of Rebekah.

Forbearing to enter here upon a discussion of the merits of this Degree, and its adaptation to *our* meridian, (which the undersigned and his colleague failed at the time to perceive or appreciate,) I cannot omit to call to the particular attention and careful consideration of this Grand Lodge, the manner in which it was foisted upon us, and declared to be a part of the written and unwritten work of our Order.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as amended in 1848, declares "that the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be *altered* or *amended*, except by an *unanimous* vote of the Grand Lodge, and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be *altered* or *amended*, except with the con-

currence of *four-fifths* of the members of the Grand Lodge." When the report of the committee on this Degree was made, at an early day of the session, by its chairman, Rep. Colfax of Indiana, a very spirited debate arose upon a motion to refer it to a special committee; and this section of the Constitution called to the attention of the Grand Lodge, and its applicability (as the undersigned supposed) fully recognized.

The advocates of this innovation thoroughly canvassed its popularity among the members, and very soon were able to perceive that its fate was sealed, unless some means could be devised to override the Constitution. It was unfortunately discovered that this could be achieved by a *rule of order*, or rather, by the inconceivable construction placed by the chair upon the plainest expressions in the English language.

On Saturday morning, when the undersigned was confined to his bed by sickness, and his colleague was unavoidably absent for a few moments, the Grand Sire decided that *adding an entirely new Degree to the work of the Order*, was no *alteration* or *amendment* of either the written or unwritten work, though the proposed Degree contained both; and therefore, that a *simple majority* was sufficient to enact it. An appeal was taken from this novel decision, and was lost *by the casting vote of the Grand Sire himself!* It was in vain that it was urged by the opponents of this singular legislation, that this Degree, when passed, would become a part of the written and unwritten work of the Order, and would require, in one case an *unanimous* vote, and in the other *four-fifths* of the members to *alter* or *amend* it. The undeniable truth of this assertion was acknowledged, and yet, it was held that a *bare* majority could pass it!! The Degree was, in this way, as you are probably aware, forced upon us.

The question now arises, whether this Grand Lodge will acquiesce in the palpable evasion of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the U. States, attempted in enacting the Degree of Rebekah; or whether, alarmed at so dangerous and lawless a precedent, it will not call earnestly upon its compeers of the other States, to join it in saving the Constitution from shameless disregard, and maintaining the only safe-guard of the weaker State Grand Bodies, *strict construction*, and faithful adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the law.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. N. WASHINGTON, late Gr. Rep.

G. W. Peter Thurston, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the above report be received and referred to the committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following:

"The Committee on By-Laws, respectfully report upon the request of Caswell Lodge, No. 32, that the Lodge has no power to force a brother to return his travelling Card until its expiration. See report of special committee on Constitution and By-Laws. J. WINSLOW, Ch'n."

P. G. A. A. T. Smith, offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to our Grand Representative, Jno. N. Washington, for the able and faithful manner in

which he has discharged the high and important trust committed to his care as our Representative to the G. L. U. S.

Carried.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the G. L. U. S., be, and are hereby instructed to urge the repeal of so much of the organic law of that Body, as restricts the Representation in State Grand Lodges to Past Grands.

Which was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. W. H. Clark, offered the following:

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of this Grand Lodge to allow the Grand Treasurer no compensation for his services. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed, hereafter, the sum of Fifty Dollars per annum for his services; and that he be required to keep the funds belonging to this Body in deposit in one of the Banks of this town, or elsewhere.

Carried.

On motion of P. G. D. G. MacRae,

Resolved, That the committee on the Degree of Rebekah, have until the next session of this Grand Lodge to make their report. And that the Committee have leave to print the same for the information of the Lodge.

Carried.

Rep. W. L. Steele, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be required to furnish the Grand Officers with Regalia, which shall be the property of the Grand Lodge, and shall be used only during the sessions of this Body.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business have carefully examined the proceedings of the last session of this Grand Body, and beg leave respectfully to report, that they find a resolution on page 377 appointing a Special Committee to "examine carefully the Constitution and By-Laws in this jurisdiction, and report at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge." And on page 383 a resolution in the following words, viz: "That hereafter the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held on Wednesday after the third Monday of May, in each and every year." Also, on same page, a resolution in these words: Resolved, "That section 2, Art. 2, of the Constitution, be so amended as to read: Every Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the G. L. a sum not exceeding 15 per cent. on Initiations, Degrees, Dues, and Depositing Cards." The first two resolutions having been disposed of by previous action of this Grand Body, leaves the last, in reference to the per centage, only, subject to action.

Respectfully submitted,

I. DISOSWAY,
J. B. NEWBY,
T. M. SACKETT.

The Committee on Inquiries submitted by the Grand Secretary offered the following, which was passed:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to call upon Subordinates for their indebtedness to this G. L., as per their returns to him, and if they have

claims against this G. Lodge, the same be submitted by them at the next session of this Grand Body. JNO. WINSLOW.

On motion of P. G. D. G. MacRae, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Past Grands T. W. Dewey, W. H. McKee, and Isaac Proctor, of Mantee Lodge, No. 8, be appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, P. G. W. D Cooke, with this body. And that they are directed to make a detailed report to the next Grand Lodge. And they are hereby authorized to print the same for the information of the Lodge.

On motion of P. G. D. G. MacRae, it was

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge, that the attention of the *Installing Officers* is particularly called to the *Law* requiring the half yearly returns and the *dues* to be paid before the officers of Subordinate Lodges be installed. And they are instructed to carry out said law to the letter. And the Grand Master is requested to address a circular to each *Installing Officer* and to each Lodge, calling their attention to this resolution.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit the following report upon accounts submitted for their examination, and recommend their payment:

Representatives and Officers.

W. S. G. Andrews,	Representative,	$8 00
E. T. Rice,	"	25 50
Calvin Haynes,	"	11 25
J. B. Williams.	"	28 45
I. Disosway,	"	25 00
B. B. Lawrence,	"	14 75
John W. Morgan,	"	35 00
T. M. Sackett,	"	21 70
G. W. Atkins,	"	10 75
W. C. Blount,	"	12 60
M. L. Douglass,	"	20 00
W. H. Michal,	"	58 00
R. W. King,	"	17 00
W. H. Clark,	"	43 25
H. L. Ward,	"	25 50
T. W. Dewey,	"	23 00
Peter Thurston,	"	42 50
John A. Wierman,	"	45 00
Robert Shaw,	"	49 50
R. A. Caldwell,	"	23 38
A. A. T. Smith,	"	20 50
W. H. Child,	"	36 50
E. W. Jones,	"	32 75
T. H. Hardenbergh,	M. W. G. M.	28 45
J. E. Morriss,	G. W.	30 75
J. B. Webb,	G. G.	17 00
D. Parrish,	G. C.	25 50

John Winslow,	G. R.	20 50
Jno. N. Washington,	G. R.	29 85
		$781 93

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By amount returned by Representatives, overpaid,	7 50
	$774 43
Also, A. P. Repiton, G. S,, Bill of G. S. of U. S., for Books,	24 00
E. N. Adkins, G. Steward, services, stationery, &c.,	12 94
	$811 37

M. L. DOUGLASS,
W. H. MICHAL,
W. L. SMITH.

P. G., J. Cicero Justice offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Twenty Dollars and interest thereon for 2½ years, being amount due Eureka Lodge for a Seal Press furnished the Grand Seretary by said Lodge, in the Fall of 1849, be endorsed on the Note due this Grand Lodge by Eureka Lodge.

Rep's J. B. Webb, and H. L. Ward, were excused during the remainder of the session.

On motion, the resolution offered by P. G. M. J. B. Newby, at the last session of this Grand Lodge, to amend the Constitution, is now taken up. When, on motion, the XI Article, section 2d, is so amended as to read "*fifteen*" instead of "*ten*" per centum. See page 383, Proceedings 1851.

N. B. The tax of the present year remains the same as last; 10 per centum on "Initiations, Degrees, Dues and Deposit Cards."

G. Rep. J. Winslow offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our M. G. Secretary and W. G. Treasurer, be requested to make good any deficiency that may be due by this Grand Body, and that the faith of the Grand Lodge is hereby pledged to the said brethren to make good the same.

The Report of G. Rep. John Winslow was taken up, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for the use of their Hall during the present session.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Wilmington on the second Monday in May, 1853.

A. PAUL REPITON, *G. Sec'y.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OFFICERS

FROM MAY, 1852, TO MAY, 1853.

Most Worthy Grand Master.

WARREN WINSLOW, Fayetteville.

Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.

E. W. JONES, Plymouth.

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Rev. A. PAUL REPITON, Wilmington.

Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

THOMAS M. GARDNER, Wilmington.

Right Worthy Grand Warden.

PETER THURSTON, Greensboro'.

Right Worthy Grand Chaplain.

M. L. DOUGLASS, Rockingham.

Right Worthy Grand Representatives to G. L. U. S.

JOHN WINSLOW, Fayetteville,

WALTER L. STEELE, Rockingham.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1. Wilmington District,	P. G., W. L. SMITH,
2. Raleigh "	P. G., PETER THURSTON,
4. Mecklenburgh "	P. G., J. A. WEIRMAN,
5. Newbern "	P. G., J. E. MORRIS,

INSTALLING OFFICERS

FROM MAY, 1852, TO MAY, 1853.

Cape Fear Lodge,	No, 2,	P. G. Thomas M. Gardner,
Washington "	3,	P. G. M. R. H. Worthington,
Cross Creek "	4,	P. G. T. M. Sackett,
Thaddeus "	5,	P. G. G. W. Atkins,
Neuse "	6,	P. G. W. S. G. Andrews,
Eureka "	7,	P. G. Jno. N. Washington,
Manteo, "	8,	P. G. Seaton Gales,
Meck. Dec'n "	9,	P. G. M. B. Taylor,
Phalanx "	10,	P. G. R. L. Myers,
Concordia "	11,	P. G. B. L. Perry,
Trent "	12,	P. G. R. T. Green,
Franklin "	13,	P. G. J. B. Littlejohn,
Achoree "	14,	P. G. R. K. Speed,
Winchester "	16,	P. G. B. B. Lawrence,
Covenant "	17,	P. G. Goold Hoyt,
Smyrna "	18,	P. G. Bryan Hellen,
Mountain "	19,	P. G. W. H. Michal,
Muchuena "	20,	P. G. T. A. Montgomery,
Buena Vista "	21,	P. G. Grand Warden,
Tuscarora "	22,	P. G. G. W. Venters,
Tryon "	23,	P. G. W. M. Shipp,
Oriental "	24,	P. G. Preston Perry,
Piedmont, "	25,	P. G. J. A. Dickson,
North State "	26,	P. G. Grand Conductor,
Columbus "	27,	P. G. Haynes Lennon,
Esperanza "	28,	P. G. Dep. Grand Master,
Falling Creek "	29,	P. G. Walter L. Steele,
Yadkin "	30,	P. G. A. C. Wharton,
Samaritan "	31,	P. G. J. B. McDade,
Caswell "	32,	P. G. W. H. Childs,
Occidental "	33,	P. G. O. B. Savage,
Contentnea, "	34,	P. G. W. C. Blount,
Howard "	35,	P. G. A. W. Burton,
Salem "	36,	P. G. A. S. Zevely,
Olive Branch "	37,	P. G. W. H. Watson,
Constantia "	38,	P. G. B. L. Spruill,
Pe Dee "	39,	P. G. Rich'd A. Caldwell,
Catawba "	40,	P. G. A. H. Shuford,
Excelsior "	41,	P. G. R. F. Simonton,
Lumber River "	42,	The Noble Grand,
Brown Creek "	43,	The Noble Grand,
Enterprize, "	44,	The Noble Grand,

RELIEF REPORT, for the year ending December 31, 1851.

Number.	Lodges.	No. of Broth'rs Relieved.	No. of Widow'd Families Rel.	No. of Broth'rs Buried.	Amo't Paid for Relief of Bro's	Amo't Paid for Burying the Dead.	Amo't Paid for Education of Orphans.	Amo't Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Total.
2	Cape Fear,	27	2	1	$226 00	$19 50	$22 50	$20 00	$288 00
3	Washington,								
4	Cross Creek,	4	1		24 00			50 25	74 25
5	Thaddeus,								
6	Neuse,			1		20 00			20 00
7	Eureka,	8	1	2	71 00	55 00		25 00	151 00
8	Manteo,	6			60 00				60 00
9	Meck. Declara'n,	17			232 00				232 07
10	Phalanx,	14	12		104 00	40 00	22 50	118 50	285 00
11	Concordia,	1	1		30 00		10 00		40 00
12	Trent,								
13	Franklin,								
14	Achoree,	11	2	1	92 00	25 00	15 00	143 00	275 00
16	Winchester,	5			60 00				60 00
18	Smyrna,	1			15 00				15 00
19	Mountain,	3		1	24 00	30 00			54 00
20	Muchuena,	9		1	124 00	25 00			149 00
21	Buena Vista,	9		2	145 00	68 87½			213 87½
22	Tuscarora,	1		1		71 06½			71 06½
23	Tryon,			1		12 00			12 00
24	Oriental,	2			8 12½				8 12½
25	Piedmont,	5		1	66 00	18 34			84 34
26	North State,	6			98 00				98 00
27	Columbus,	4			45 00				45 00
28	Esperanza,	4			48 00				48 00
29	Falling Creek,								
30	Yadkin,					20 00			20 00
31	Samaritan,	5		1	69 00				69 00
32	Caswell,	1			56 00	52 75½			108 75½
33	Occidental,								
34	Contentnea,	2		1	30 00	20 00			50 00
35	Howard,	3			36 00				36 00
36	Salem,								
37	Olive Branch,								
38	Constantia,								
39	Pe Dee,								
40	Catawba,								
		148	19	14	$1663 19½	$477 53½	$70 00	$356 75	$2567 48

LIST OF CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Belonging to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. G. L. of N. C., to December 31st, 1851.

CAPE FEAR LODGE, No. 2.

PAST GRANDS.

John Campbell
Rev A Paul Repiton
John McRae, Sen.
J D Gardner
Thos. H Howey
John McRae, Jr.
S D Wallace
Horace Burr
W E Anderson
Rev B L Hoskins
John C Wood
Timothy L Guess,
Talcott Burr, Jr.
R S Thomas
Bradford Sherman
James T Miller
D McMillan
W C Howard
Jos. McLaurin
Thos. M Gardner
W L Smith
George H Kelly
A T McCallum
W S Anderson

SCARLET DEGREE.

Atkins, Edw N
Burkheimer, Henry
Burch, James
Bowden, Jesse
Brown, George
Baker, Henry
Bates, Benj G
Burr, Wm A
Barnum, J M
Curtis, Geo T
Crone, John
Cotton, Thos J
Conoley, John J
Cornwall, W J
Coney, J R
Dunham, Jno S
Dunham, S W
Fennell, Owen
Falon, Patrick
Fulton, James
Grant, R H
Garrison, James
Gilbert, Henry D
Gill, Robertson
Griffith, John
Gause, Sam'l P
Hall, Eli W
Hart, Levi A
Hartsfield, Asa A
Haines, Henry S
Hathaway, Jas L
Hyde, Wm E
Huston, Maxwell
Jones, David
Jones, Richard J
Jones, Wm B
Jacobs, W L
Keene, Joseph L
Kilkelly, W G
Kea, James E
Lamont, D A
London, Mauger
Lees, Jonathan
Lutterloh, E J
Lawton, Joseph
Latta, John C
Maclean, Andrew
McKellar, Hector
Melvin, James S
McCallum, Jas I
Myers, Cornelius
Meginney, L
Mulock, Jesse
McKennon, A J
McRae, Alex. Jr.
Neff, William
Nixon, N N
Nutt, John
Perrin, Henry R
Potter, Gilbert Jr.
Packard, Cyrus
Polley, S P
Price, W J
Rothwell, A B
Russell, Henry P
Russell, Joseph B
Simpson, Richard
Sutton, William
Sherwood, A
Tolman, Job
Turrentine, Rev M C
Walker, W A
Williams, W A
Williams, Jos S
Wilson, Wm
Wheat, L A
Wright, John H
Yopp, William J

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Bowden, John C
Brown, John B
Daskam, W F
Hoffman, Seligman
Marks, William
Pigford, J B

COVENANT DEGREE.

Bailey, William
Berry, Samuel
Burch, Wm F
Brown, Thomas O
Bowers, John E
Craig, John
Crockett, Thos M
Freeman, Wm E
Gadsby, George
Harriss, Wm M
Mindel, A
Morehouse, G N
Matthews, Wm
Newell, W T
Polley, Hiram
Rankin, Robt G
Sikes, Theodore

WHITE DEGREE.

Coney, C J
Hudson, Thos J
McMillan, F A
Price, W W

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Andres, Samuel
Burkhead, L N
Bowden, L H
Cazaux, A D
Craft, Thomas C
Gafford, John
Hall, Edw D
Loring, Thomas
Meredith, James
Plunkett, John
Utley, W R

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 3.

PAST GRANDS.

R H Worthington
R S Parker
L T Spiers
H G Trader
J W Hill
Thos J Deanes
B A Spiers
R R Parker

SCARLET DEGREE.

Bridger, John P
Brewer, M
Britt, Alex'r
Hutchings, John W
Moore, H A
Valentine, Daniel
Williams, P S
Williams S D

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Copes, P
Parker, G D

COVENANT DEGREE.

Adkins, W H
Barnes, Jacob
Bryant, J R
Dukes, J E
Monger, John S

CROSS CREEK LODGE, No. 4.

PAST GRANDS.

J B Newby
John Winslow
A McLean,
Warren Winslow
A A T Smith
John Shaw
Duncan G MacRae
Henry Lilly
James G Cook
W T Frizell
A A McKeithan
George Lauder
Charles Lutterloh
Thomas M Sackett
Henry B Seadberry
John Smith

SCARLET DEGREE.

Gilchrist, D
Graham, Hugh Sr.
Greentree, M
Hardie, R W
Houston, Owen
Lawrence, G W
McLaurin, John
McRae, D
McCormic, D
McNiel, D
McDonald, John S
Nixon, C D

Rose, W A
Stedman, J M
Smith, James G
Tillinghast, S W
White, Oliver
Giersh, A E

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Arey, S S
Blocker, J C
Burwell, Henry
King, N Jr.
Maultsby, D S
Newby, D T
Shaw, Roderick
Matthews, J M
Whaley, Hiram
Wandling, J W

COVENANT DEGREE.

Brown, A S
Beasley, J B
Graham, Hugh Jr.
Holland, W H
Jordan, Noah
Dodd, Robert
Frizell, W W
Lee, J R
McPherson, A
McFadyen, A B
Maultsby, J S
Pemberton, E L
Smith, Neil
Tomlinson, W H
Warden, J P
Williams, J M
Williams, J D

WHITE DEGREE.

Dobbin, J C
More, W F
Webster, G F

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Dodd, J L
Haslep, F J
Sedberry, J S
Lutterloh, Wm H
Turner, J M

THADDEUS LODGE, No. 5.

PAST GRANDS.

T D Love
J D Love,
O L Fillyaw
L C Hubbard
A B Chesnutt,
Alfred Johnson
G W Atkins
T J Holland
J M Moseley
J C Carroll
J H Roberts
Isaac Boykin

SCARLET DEGREE.

Atkins, G W
Boykin, Isaac
Carroll, John C
Carroll, David D
Carr, Lewis F
Chesnutt, A B
Culbreth, Love
Draughon, W C
Holland, T J
Hubbard, L C
Johnson, Josiah
Johnson, Alfred
McKay, A E
Mosely, J M
McKay, W H
Parker, W J
Pugh, T L
Pugh, W E
Russell, William
Roberts, J H
Stevens, C H
Stevens, C T
Stevens, J H
Underwood, W L

NEUSE LODGE, No. 6.

PAST GRANDS.

Daniel Cogdell
W S G Andrews
J D Phillips
Wm M Puryear
John Taylor
W R Sikes
John B Griswold
W R Musgrave
C J Nelson
John W Davis

SCARLET DEGREE.

Becton, John E
Davis, James M
Everitt, James H
Garrison, S C
Gregory, R J
Griswold, B J

Archer, P L W
Brown, W F
Bradbury, J J
Crosby, J H
Daniel, Jacob
Duggan, W S
Ezzell, John W
Granthum, U
Gay, Simon
Hollowell, Wm
Hollowell, T S
Jones, George C
Jones, David
Lancaster, James W
Mayo, Jesse
Northam, James B
Odenhimer, F
Pope, William
Peacock, L
Robinson, Wm
Stanly, N B
Thompson, E A
Toler, W H
Toler, John S
Webb, Silas

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Daniel, James
Pope, Henry

COVENANT DEGREE.

Albritton, M
Cogdell, S
Dukes, J R
Gardner, J M
Miner, H
Pipkin, E
Pollock, W F
Sandford, J P
Watters, T

WHITE DEGREE.

Carraway, John C
Carson, T M
Flowers, Cullin
Langston, A H
Summerlin, W G

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Brogden, T W
Barnes, John E
Braddy, W J
Broadhurst, John C
Cogdell, David
Carlisle, S E
Daniel, J H
Granthum, D E
Hatch, J R
Person, J D
Pritchett, S D
Patrick, F C
Taylor, William
Van, Abram

EUREKA LODGE, No. 7.

PAST GRANDS.

Israel Disosway
James C Justice
John Blackwell
John Charlott
John M Oliver
Robert W Choate
Alex C Blount
John N Washington
William Hay
John Hutchinson
James E Morris
Martin Stevenson
James B Emery
Lucus B Herritage

SCARLET DEGREE.

Bishop, Samuel
Breaker, J M C
Beal, J D
Coart, John C
Cook, Benjamin M
Cuthbert, Emmet
Chadwick, S W
Creekman, John
Dudley, David W
Dewey, Willis
Duffy, Walter
Duffy, Samuel S
Hanff, John F
Hancock, John W
Horniblow, John D
Hanks, Ossian
Howard, Thomas S
Hanks, Ellsworth
Hackburn, Ephraim,
Harvey, William H
Jones, John F
Jones, James
Justice, John R
Jones, William
Moore, William P
Miller, Alexander
Mathews, Mathew
Mayhew, William H
Phelps, Lewis
Powers, Walter
Robinson, Joseph J
Rumley, John
Smith, D H
Surmands, D D
Taylor, George W
Wallace, Thomas C

Davis, John
Fields, Charles G
Goslee, Daniel W
Justice, Alexander
Lewis, John B
Latham, Seth W
Washington, Wm H
Washington, George
Wallace, James L

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Robinson, William

COVENANT DEGREE.

Hartick, Joseph
Pelletier, William P
Rount, Jacob
Wolfe, Henry E
Ward, George J

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Alden, John H
Brown, Joseph M
Bright, J W
Colbert, E
Fairchild, S G
Green, Thomas
Gray, John A
Hackburn, Joseph
Hoell, Franklin
Lovick, Henry J
Parker, C K
Street, George
Wynn, R J

MANTEO LODGE, No. 8.

PAST GRANDS.

E Yarbrough, Sr.
W D Cooke
W H McKee
Perrin Busbee
John H Manly
W D Haywood
Isaac Procter
P F Pescud
W R Scott
J J Litchford
Seaton Gales
Thomas W Dewey

SCARLET DEGREE.

Allen, D W
Buck, O A
Bledsoe, M A
Boylan, W M
Burch, O L
Brown, H J
Cooke, Geo T
Clark, H T
Deems, Rev C F
Finch, Richard P
Gray, R
Gorman, A M
Holden, W W
Haywood, R W
Hinton, David
Hawkins, G W
Haywood, P H
Heflin, Rev R T
Jones, Wm H
Jordan, J F
Johnson, John W
Mial, A T
McRae, D K
Porter, Henry
Root, C B
Powell, C W
Royster, James D
Royster, David Jr.
Rogers, Sion H
Smith, Sidney H
Tucker, W H H
Vass, W W
Woltering, Jos
Williams, Jno R
Williams, John G
Yarbrough, Col E Jr.

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Joynar, Rev P H

COVENANT DEGREE.

Horton, Jeptha
Kincey, John H
King, F W
Lovejoy, J M
Newton, W

WHITE DEGREE.

Badgett, Jas H
Dodd, James
Griffice, W J
Ruffin, Samuel
Utley, John R
Young, Samuel H

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Allen, L J
Busbee, Quintin
Brown, W M
Boylan, John H
Carmichael, L
Gould, Geo L
Harrison, W H
Hutchings, Isaac W
Johnson, Albert
Miller, Henry W
Mordecai, Jacob
Pace, James
Utley, Quintin
Whitaker, S M
Williams, W M
Williams, P P
White, W W

MECKLENBURG DECLARATION LODGE, No. 9.

PAST GRANDS.

Joshua Trotter
A Bethune
J A Young
M B Taylor
R Shaw
John Rigler
T Trotter
R M Robinson
E C Davidson
E H Andrews

SCARLET DEGREE.

Alexander, R M
Alexander, C T
Bell, R C
Breard, A R
Blair, J W
Barringer, Rufus
Belk, S E
Blackwood, B G
Bolton, H H
Berryhill, J S
Berryhill, J J
Berryhill, Alex
Berryhill, Wm
Butler, Wm M
Carson, R C
Davidson, Wm F
Davidson, Benj H
Fox, C J
Harty, John
Harris, W S
Harris, E R
Harrington, J W
Hauser, Alex
Holmes, H H
Kerr, Wm J
Lowrie, S J
Lovance, W M
Ledwell, D
Maxwell, F H
Mead, J
Moore, R W
Miller, H S
Massey, H R
McIntyre, R M
McDonald, J M
Prichard, H M
Rudesall, James
Sandifer, T T
Stacy, A G
Stevenson, Wm
Taylor, D D
Teddy, T
Wedington, F S
Wriston, S T
Wriston, M L
Waring, R P
Warren, James

PHALANX LODGE, No. 10.

PAST GRANDS.

Benj F Hanks
O W Telfair
George H Brown
T H Hardenbergh
R L Myers
John B Williams
Norton W Cook
Wm B Myers
James H Tyler

SCARLET DEGREE.

Allen, Henry P
Blount, R H J
Barrow, A H
Baerman, A
Biggs, Wm G
Crabtree, L D
Cordon, Wm S
Campbell, Wm B
Cordon, Seth K
Gaskill, Joseph W
Gautier, Benj
Gordon, Geo W
Hyatt, Lockwood
Hodges, H
Horton, D B
Hancock, H F
Jones, J E
Jollie, H G
Reid, Daniel
Rodman, Wm B
Robbins, Jas S
Reading, Jas W
Rea, R T
Small, John H
Simmons, James
Simmons, John W
Stubbs, Jesse R

Caila, John F
Carrow, Sam'l T
Carmer, John R
Carrow, Henry
Davis, Jesse H
Doughty, John J
Dill, David H
Dimock, Henry
Dixon, Geo R
Ellison, H A
Fitchett, Thos
Fowle, James L
Moore, Wm C
Morton, Wm Z
McGowen, John
McWilliams, J S
Moore, Edmond
Moore, John E
Meyer, C G
Nadall, A
Norcom, Dr. John
Peartree, James
Potts, Wm A
Ross, John B
Smith, Lemuel H
Satterthwaite, E D
Satterthwaite, J H
Tyler, John
Turner, George
Tuten, Thomas Jr.
Tier, Joseph S
Wolfenden, John
Warren, Edw'd J
Walston, Willey
Willard, A A

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Carmalt, John
Lanier, Wm A
Wallace, Josephus

COVENANT DEGREE.

Potts, Joseph
Parmerle, B J
Roberson, Charles
Stratton, Rev James
Toland, H A
Tompkins, Dr. John F

WHITE DEGREE.

Rue, Frederick
Stelly, Wm

CONCORDIA LODGE, No. 11.

PAST GRANDS.

John W Morgan
Benj L Perry
Benj Leecraft, Jr.
H H Willis
D W Morse
J F Bell

SCARLET DEGREE.

Bell, D H L
Bell, W F Sr.
Canaday, R
Chadwick, B
Chadwick, O
Delemar, C F
Dill, Geo
Duncan, T
Fuller, B
Fuller, W J
Gibble, James E
Howland, James E
Howland, Sam'l L
Longest, Wm
Longest, James
Longest, B
Nelson, S J
Phelps, M C
Physoe, W B
Thomas, M C
Thomas, John P
Walker, George
Willis, S F
Wahad, Job

COVENANT DEGREE.

Morse, G W

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Bell, John W
Oglesby, Levi J
Thomas, R C

ACHOREE LODGE, No. 14.

PAST GRANDS.

J C B Ehringhaus
Geo Jno Musgrave
William F Martin
William H Clark
John Pool
James C Scott
James W Hinton
John M Mathews

SCARLET DEGREE.

Burgess, William W
Butt, William H
Burcher, A H
Bland, Thomas R
Cross, William G
Cartwright, Shadrack
Cooper, John A
Curran, A H
Commander, Joseph
Davis, William C
Davis, Sylvanus
Fearing, John B
Forbes, E M
Glover, A J
Gregory, William J
Grice, S D
Harney, Wm A
Hamilton, Zera
Hynes, Haymon S
Jones, A L
Jackson, C C
Larence, Joseph
Mann, William E
Mathews, William P
Morris, Nathan
Nash, Thos S
Nash, Isaac D
Nash, Elisha
Newbold, William
Owens, Daniel
Poiner, George
Sterling, John
Shannonhouse, J B
Stone, Geo W
Saunders, Edward W
Simmons, Josiah
Sanderlin, Caleb S
Saunders, L K
Shannonhouse, J M
Simmons, Dennis
Shannon, William L
Skinner, John B
Sanderlin, Lemuel
Speed, R K
Stamm, Abram
Simmons, Joseph
Shannon, Thomas J
Stacie, Jerome B
Tuttle, John M
White, Robenson
Williams, P C
Wilder, Geo M
Waugh, John S
Williams, Elihu
Weeks, James E

REMEMBRANCE DEGREE.

Sikes, Merchant K

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Melson, John A
Roughton, Zackera,
White, Albert

COVENANT DEGREE.

Burnham, Benjamin
Cudworth, John H
Gray, Thornton
Jones, Joseph S
Miller, Benjamin
Tatam, William

WHITE DEGREE.

Banks, A W
Boutwell, Williams R
Crank, Caleb
Morgan James M
Newman, Rich'd G
Perdy, A
King, John B
Taylor, J A

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Brothers, Charles B
Benberry, John A
Burnham, Isaac
Benberry, Jno
Bell, Geo W
Evans, Jos B
Foxwell, Thos L
Kellenger, William J
Jackson, Robinson
Old, F Jno
Pool, S D
Powell, Leroy M

WINCHESTER LODGE, No. 16.

PAST GRANDS.

E H Stephens
D Ferguson
B B Lawrence
B C Watson
P Clark
E G Armstrong
Jesse Bullock
W L Qualls

SCARLET DEGREE.

Barnes, J J
Battle, J P
Hines, W H
Harper, Wm
Spicer, W E
Shallington, W E J

Boddie, J S
Bradley, H L
Fort, J G
Foster, P G
Griffin, T H
Griffin, G H
Gay, William
Jones, Wm A
Mercer, W F
Parker, F M
Ricks, R
Ruffin, Wm H
Saunders, J W
Thom, W D
Taylor, J J
Williford, H L
Wilkins, T M
Whitehead, A J M
Wilkerson, C G

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Braswell, J J

SMYRNA LODGE, No. 18.

PAST GRANDS.

Samuel E Davis
Jesse H Davis
David W Whitehurst
Wm W Rumley
Brian Hellen
Melvin J Davis
Whitington Davis

SCARLET DEGREE.

Cooper, Allen L
Davis, Calvin J
Davis, Abram B
English, William
Hamilton, John W
Lewis, William J
Lupton, Morris J
Piner, James M
Piver, Wilson F
Roberts, Denard R
Roberts, John G
Styron, John W
Styron, Lorenzo
Willis, Ephraim F

WHITE DEGREE.

Lupton, John J
Willis, John T
Willis, George W

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Chadwick, Jacob
Lupton, Joseph J
Willis, Daniel C

MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 19.

PAST GRANDS.

Jasper Stowe
Wm Williamson*
William Lander
William H Michal
Alexander Ramsour
William J Hoke
William R Edwards

*Withdrawn.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Abernathy, H W
Anthony, John P
Asbury, Rev Henry
Briggs, Benj F
Bobo, Charles D
Blackburn, Ephraim
Butt, Zephaniah
Butter, Rev Thornton
Brevard, Ephraim, Jr
Compton, William P
Craven, Alfred
Cornwell, James
Edwards, Ephraim S
Eccles, Thos J
Fulton, J B
Jetton, John A
Jetton, B M
Johnson, B S
Johnston, James F
Moss, Z A
Newson, Jos M
Oates, James H
Ramsour, Alfred A
Ramsour, William
Ramsour, E F
Ramsour, Jacob A
Rose, William E
Roseman, Andrew
Reinhardt, Wallace M
Stowe, Samuel N
Smith, Walter B
Shuford, John M
Sumner, Benj'n H
Williamson, Robert
Woodford, Lyman

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

George W Williams.

COVENANT DEGREE.

Beam, James O
Bost, Adolphus, *
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Jacobs, Daniel M
Palmer, Valentine J
Wells, Thomas

WHITE DEGREE.

Wells, Westley

INITIATORY DEGREE.

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Jetton, F J
Lewis, J G
Martin, Moses
Thomson, Horatio

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PAST GRANDS.

Julius Wilcox
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Thos A Montgomery
E T Rice
Thomas Reynolds
H G Goodloe

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Bobbitt, Wm H
Berge, Rev William
Bryant, Hugh B
Brickle, N D
Broddie, J H
Burwell, Wm A
Crabtree, Wm C
Collins, John
Campbell, Rev Thos S
Clements, Wm E
Duke, James L
Egerton, James A
Farrer, Josiah
Ferrell, James M
Graves, Rev N E
Gupton, K
Holt, J W
Harrison, John H
Holt, Thos J
Herschberg, Nathan
Jones, Hugh I
Johnson, John R
Johnston, Thos L
Kingsbury, T B
Minetree, James J
McCraw, J C
Moore, James H
Norwood, P T
Phillips, Samuel E
Ransom, M W
Rowlett, Thos W
Rooks, Samuel H
Rose, Wm J
Skinner, Dr Charles
Sledge, George R
Thrower, Wm E
Toney, J W
Thompson, Wm H
Wilson, John M
White, John
Watson, William
Watkins, L T
White, E C
Waddill, Thos F
Wynn, Thomas M

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

James R Wrenn,

COVENANT DEGREE.

Thomas C Thompson.

WHITE DEGREE.

Brown, James
Davis, John F
Motley, P W

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Furguson, Wm H
Harper, Samuel
Mann, B D
Meadows, Thomas P
Wiggans, B B

BUENA VISTA LODGE, No. 21.

PAST GRANDS.

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Solomon Hopkins
A S Porter
E Watson
J W Howlett
Peter Thurston

SCARLET DEGREE.

Anderson, H S
Adams, Peter
Brown, M
Black, M S
Booker, G W
Caldwell, A C
Coffin, Cyrus
Cole, W W
Cole, John L
Denny, Eli
Donnel, R C
Fentriss, Thomas H
Forbes, R A
Gilmer, W S
Gellaspie, J B
Gardner, S T
Gouel, D K
Gouel, A T
Gott, Wm
Hoover, B F
Johnson, C
James, S W
Kerr, S M
Kirkman, J W
Leinback, E W
McLean, D
Mina, James
Mebane, W T
Ogburn, E W
Patrick, T J
Pickard, J W
Shelton, Joseph
Stewart, James
Scott, L M
Simpson, Rev S P
Tatum, B
Wadlington, J M
Walker, J
Weatherly, A
Weatherly, William
Wood, E B
Young, Samuel

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Erwin, Jubin

WHITE DEGREE.

Anderson, William M
Edwards, William E

TUSCARORA LODGE, No. 22.

PAST GRANDS.

Thomas *W*oodley
James B *W*ebb
William H *W*hitfield
George *W* Venters
Thomas J Blakely
Richard *W* King

SCARLET DEGREE.

Aldridge, Lem'l H
Allen, B
Armstrong, J J
Cason, Henry D
Cobb, Jesse
Cox, Wm E
Cummings, Jos S
Dawson, Thos W
Einstrin, Moses
Gaylard, John B
Griffin, Chas M
Harvey, Amos
Hartsfield, J A
Hartsfield, Jesse
Hilton, Dan'l
Jackson, John H
Miller, J N
Miller, Stephen
Nethercutt, Loftus
Patterson, Moses
Rouse, Willis
Stearnglentz, Lewis
Strong, Wm A
Sutton, W J
Sutton, Wm T
Sutton, John A
Sutton, John
Tull, Lem'l H
Vause, Jesse
Watson, Alex B

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Gray, Wm
Lee, John L
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TRYON LODGE, No. 23.

PAST GRANDS.

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J V Jay
Geo W Baxter
Rev A Hamby

SCARLET DEGREE.

Boyce, Saml J
Carson, Dr Jos McD
Calloway, Dr J W
Carson, Wm
Carson, John M
Carson, J L
Dickerson, G
Dickerson, M O
Lollar, D D
Leventhorpe, C
Stammire, B H

REMEMBRANCE DEGREE.

Harris, C L
Leohr, Charles
Lollar, E M

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

McArthur, David
Walton, W H

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Baxter, John
Gray, Samuel
Glover, Adam
Wilson, Frank I

ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 24.

PAST GRANDS.

Preston Perry
Henry L Ward
Thomas Brown

SCARLET DEGREE.

Askew, John A J
Bernard, Saml A
Beasley, Jos W
Britton, John L
Daniel, Watson L
Freeman, W J
Garrett, Richard
Hayse, Willie D
Harrell, Abner
Harrell, Starkey S
Lewis, Watson Jr
Leary, William
Leary, Joseph
Leary, Rev West
Miller, William
Pruden, Wm D
Perry, John D
Smith, Joseph
Spruill, Saml B
Wilson, John
Williams, Benj B
Williams, John

REMEMBRANCE DEGREE.

Williams, John F

COVENANT DEGREE.

Holly, Augustus

WHITE DEGREE.

Riddick, Charles A

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Hancock, Wm G

PIEDMONT LODGE, No. 25.

PAST GRANDS.

John A Dickson
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Joseph D Ferree

SCARLET DEGREE.

Avery, W W
Avery, Thos L
Avery, Isaac E
Ballew, Jos A
Ballew, Wm A
Ballew, James
Burgen, Robert
Collins, Jos L
Cooper, William H
Dick, Jacob
Erwin, Alex H
Erwin, John S
Erwin, Jos J
Erwin, William C
Erwin, Edward J
Ferree, John G
Greenlie, James A
Happoldt, John M
Hardy, John F E
Horshaw, John N
Horshaw, Francis B
Hull, E S
Halyburton, Wm B
Higgins, Alburto
Henson, John McK
Hennessee, William
Jarrott, George W
Kayler, Noah H
Kayler, Philo P
Lindsey, Henry P
Lester, Thos C
McDowell, John C
McElrath, John W
McRee, William L
McElrath, Robert
Mull, George
Puett, Willliam
Setzer, Joshua
Sudderth, Stanhope A
Tate, William L
Walstenholems, H F

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Melton, L W

COVENANT DEGREE.

Cannon, Isaac
Dickson, William
Dean, Thos P
Estes, James C
Estes, Andrew J
Glass, George W
James, F A

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Burton, John W
Carmichael, L B
Hennessee, John A
Peterson, Elias J

NORTH STATE LODGE, No. 26.

PAST GRANDS.

John A Weirman
A Overman
H L Robards
Wm R Wilson
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SCARLET DEGREE.

Bell, J J
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Bason, W F
Blackmer, L
Bradshaw, D R
Barker, W M
Brown, C S
Coleman, Dan'l
Coffman, Rev John H
Casper, H B
Ellis, J W
Enniss, Jas H
Earnheart, J N
Harvey, John
Hopkins, Rev B N
Heilig, L G
Hanks, Jehu
Honeycutt, D W
Harrison, Rich'd
Johnston, Jas M
Leslie, M B
Linn, Rev Jos A
Mesley, R
Moose, J E
Murr, Alex
Montgomery, Rev A D
O'Brien, Rev S J
Palmer, W J
Reimer, Moses
Roberts, B B
Stoker, J A
Summerell, J J
Sharp, A F
Sumpter, Wm R
Simonton, H C
Williams, Sam'l B
Young, Jas H

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

York, A J

COVENANT DEGREE.

McNeely, Jos B

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Brown, Wm
Brown, J D
Caldwell, J A
Caldwell, M C
Parks, J P
Rogers, A M
Reiley, George

COLUMBUS LODGE, No. 27.

PAST GRANDS.

Haynes Lennon
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Calvin Haynes

SCARLET DEGREE.

Baldwin, Charles
Gorge, W K
Haynes, Kenneth
Haynes, Warren
Hill, G W
Jerman, Stephen
Pridgen, J C
Powell, A F
Powell, J C
Rouse, Bythel
Summersett, J H
Smith, W G
Smith, Burwell
Toon, A F
Thompson, James
Williams, Amos

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George, Lewis,
Gore, J M M
Hill, A B
Maultsby, C

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Baldwin, Kelly
Dyson, J H
Gore, Calvin
Gore, Pinckney
George, David
High, James
Richardson, W R
Smith, David
Williamson, Lewis

COVENANT DEGREE.

Baswell, W F
Best, Henry
Howell, Miles
Jerman, Allen
Powell, J G
Pridgen, G
Smith, S W
Sales, Calton,
Vaile, T L
Walker, M M

WHITE DEGREE.

Baldwin, A J
Coleman, D
Coleman, W H
Frink, William
Morrison, M R
Maultsby, McD
Powell, M
Powell, F K
Sessions, T G

ESPERANZA LODGE, No. 28.

PAST GRANDS.

E W Jones
Jehu Nicholls
B F Fessenden

SCARLET DEGREE.

Alfred, F E
Allen, J W
Bennett, R H
Beasley, J B
Beasley, John
Beckwith, Thomas
Brable, J D
Casey, Isaac
Davenport, Jas F
Etheridge, Stephen
Garibaldo, Angelo
Guyther, D C
Hinson, Gabriel W
Holliday, Henry
Holliday, Jas W
Hopkins, Jas B
Johnson, E J
Johnston, Asa
Keith, Jas B
Keith, Wm A
Kissam. Sam'l
Kissam, Chas A
Knight, R M
Kimmell, E J
Norman, Jos R
Piercey, D A
Respess, Robert
Spruill, H G
Spruill, Benj
Simmons, Sam'l S
Thompson, Nathan
Thompson, Thos P
Ward, W W
Willis, E H
Waters, H H
Waters, A J

Hardison, Wm A
Harrison, H H
Latham, Charles
Latham, Thos S
Windley, J D

COVENANT DEGREE.

Allen, Joseph

WHITE DEGREE.

Freeman, James
Garrett, A F
Hayman, Daniel
Hayman, Matthias
Jones, Jordan L

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Cooper, James E
Eborn, William

FALLING CREEK LODGE, No. 29.

PAST GRANDS.

Walter L Steele
John R Little
John C McKinnon
Malcom L Douglass

SCARLET DEGREE.

McDonald, R S
Leak, William C
Ledbetter, Rev R S
Peacock, Wm M
Powell, Benj C
Shortridge, John
Steele, Robert J Jr
Steele, Robert L
Steele, Thomas W
Stewart, James
Veal, Andrew J

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Albred, Calvin J
Beaman, John C
Crowson, J W S
Jordan, Thomas S
Jordan, William B
Knight, John C
Lucas, Hugh G
Nicholson, John A
Pearl, James
Stubbs, John W

COVENANT DEGREE.

Cox, Sherwood L
Ewing, Isaac Jr
Kelly, Rowland R

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Read, James H
Stansill, P W

YADKIN LODGE, No. 30.

PAST GRANDS.

Wm J McElroy
A C Wharton

SCARLET DEGREE.

Brown, Isaac
Blackburn, Milton
Blackburn, Coston
Cooper, A W
Cooper, T D
Faw, Lemuel
Griffith, E W
Hanes, Lewis
Jones, Wilie
Jones, S S
Moss, A A
Riley, John W
Styres, Lewis
Wagoner, Josiah

COVENANT DEGREE.

Johnson, John H
Long, Wm W

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PAST GRANDS.

Robert Loder
James B McDade
Joseph Kirkland

SCARLET DEGREE.

Collier, J J
Hauser, Ephraim
Lee, R H
Lucas, James S
Moore, Dr Wm H
Smith, Alx B

Hauser, Wm H
Harward, Ilai
Howell, James E
Loder, R
Lucas, Joseph B
Loder, John
McDade, James B
Siler, L F
Waitt, K B
Wilson, J W

COVENANT DEGREE.

Silir, A
Loder, J
Watson, T E

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Newton, W J
Sugg, M R
Utley, Gabriel
Utley, Gray
Watson, John
Watson, J Y

CASWELL LODGE, No. 32.

PAST GRANDS.

John Kerr
William H Chiles

SCARLET DEGREE.

Bailey, Isaac G
Fowler, Wm L
Ferguson, Rich'd
Graves, Major H
Goodson, Geo T
Gunn, Allen
Graves, John S
Glass, Iveson M
Howard, Thos J
Harrison, Sam'l S
Hatchett, Thos H
Jones, James M
Jenkins, Joel
Jennings, Joseph
Jennings, James R
Lea, James K
Mitchell, A A
Moore, Junius
Neal, James M
Paxton, Wm C
Rainey, John P
Reid, James
Willis, Joseph
Williamson, Geo Jr
Waltington, Wm P
Williamson, John L
Yancey, A G

COVENANT DEGREE.

Dickens, Israel
Powell, S A

OCCIDENTAL LODGE, No. 33.

PAST GRANDS.

F M Capehart
Dr O B Savage

SCARLET DEGREE.

Baker, Wm John
Boothe, John
Benbury, James H
Eure, Mills H
Fitcher, Wm E
Hill, Asa
Hurdle, H B
Harrell, Edw'd R
Harrell, Jas M
Parker, R B
Pearce, D S
Savage, C Y

REMEMBRANCE DEGREE.

Riddick, Wm B S
Trotman, Rev Q H

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Cross, Thos E
Eure, H L
Harrell, Wm H Jr

COVENANT DEGREE.

Cherry, Thos P
Eason, Henry
Hobbs, Guy
Hill, James W
Maning, R H
Reed, Wm L

WHITE DEGREE.

Doughtie, Jas R
Lee, J P

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Lowther, Dr S J

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PAST GRANDS.

H H Gibbons
W C Blount

SCARLET DEGREE.

Allen, A A
Allen, G
Bell, J S
Brand, L J
Blount, A
Coward, E R
Dowell, A H
Darden, L
Edwards, D
Edwards, M J
Frizzle, W
Hardy, B S
Hooker, N A
Harper, J W
Hines, P E
Joyner, G
Metzger, J
May, J W
May, B
Pope, W J
Williams, B F
Westheimer, S

HOWARD LODGE, No. 35.

PAST GRANDS.

A W Burton

SCARLET DEGREE.

Andrews, W P
Bordly, Thos B
Cabaniss, H D K
Chreitzberg, Rev O A
Davis, James B
Elliott, A J
Froneberger, D
Goforth, William
Hoyle, Rev P R
Jackson, J W
Love, C G
Phillips, J C
Quinn, A W
Roberts, M C
Stephens, John F
Webber, M G
Whisnaut, P S
Whisnaut, David
Williams, Dr Thomas

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Falls, John Z
Goode, M E

COVENANT DEGREE.

Cabaniss, W H

WHITE DEGREE.

Osburn, J E

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Martin, J O
Tracy, J W

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SCARLET DEGREE.

Banner, C L
Boner, Joshua
Boner, Thomas J
Clenard, Livingston
Crist, Trougott F
Miller, Francis
Reich, Jacob
Reich, Em'l
Reude, George H
Starbuck, D H
Tevis, John D
Wright, C L
Zeverley, A T

COVENANT DEGREE.

Boner, Evan

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Eberhart, Lewis F

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 37.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Hobbs, Henry H
Sanders, Linn B
Thompson, John R
Watson, Wm H
Williams, Nathan
Watson, J W B

COVENANT DEGREE.

Carrington, David C
Raiford, Wm B

CONSTANCIA LODGE, No. 38.

PAST GRANDS.

Benjamin J Spruill,

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Heckstall, John W
Jernegan, Geo W
Miller, Frederick C
Mitchell, Wm N
Moore, Chas J
Paschall, Peter D
Parker, Wm G
Spruill, Benj J
Steely, James B
Shepherd, John S
Wortham, George
Watson, Wm R
White, Estis

COVENANT DEGREE.

Bishop, Wm M

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Reid, George B

PEE DEE LODGE, No. 39.

PAST GRANDS.

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SCARLET DEGREE.

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Billingsly, H B
Buchanan, Richmond
Beverly, N
Boggan, N D
Bennett, Cary
Boggan, Geo D
Caraway, J C
Cottrell, John B
Coppedge, Chas B
Craig, H J
David, Rev Evander
Grimsley, James
Gaddy, Ellis D
Howard, James F
Hammond, H B
Hamilton, Thos M
Little, A
Liles, N T
McKay, R
Mark, Dudley
McDonald, A M
Myers, A A
Pickett, M J
Randall, Joseph
Raiford, R J
Ramsey, W C
Sanders, Jas M
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Terry, W L
Tomlinson, James
Womble, Bryant

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

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WHITE DEGREE.

Shadding, William

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Ashe, Thos S
Sutton, Rev Wm C
McCaskill, C C

CATAWBA LODGE, No. 40.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Brown, Ruflin
Bradburn, T W
Bost, A T
Cline, M L
Gosset, John O
Gunter, W J
Lovetts, J F
Rhine, D W
Reitzel, C G
Reinhardt, W P
Shuford, Andrew H
Shuford, Eli R
Shuford, Q A
Smith, J M
Wilson, M M
Whitener, H A
Wyckoff, W D
Wilfong, C A

COVENANT DEGREE.

Abernathy, John B
Shuford, Able H
Shuford, Maxwell
Whitener, Israel
Witherspoon, H B

INITIATORY DEGREE.

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Campbell, O
Johnson, P

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 41.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Brown, A J
Burns, James D
Claywell, James A
Campbell, W M
Cline, B
Claywell, Peter A
Glascock, I N
Kerr, T J W
Keaton, Silas
Mowbray, W H
Rickert, James S
Rickert, S J
Simonton, J R
Shelton, J W
Tatum, J H
Woodward, J W

COVENANT DEGREE.

Morrison, Wm H

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Claywell, Peter

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE

OF THE

I. O. OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION,

Held in the Town of Wilmington, May, 1853.

WILMINGTON, N. C.
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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Friendship, Love and Truth.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT THE

Hall of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, May 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th.

MAY 9th, 1853.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened this day, at 9 o'clock, in the Hall of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, when the following officers were present:

WARREN WINSLOW,	*M. W. Grand Master.*
E. W. JONES,	*R. W. D. Grand Master.*
Rev. A. PAUL REPITON,	*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
THOS. M. GARDENER,	*R. W. Grand Treasurer,*
PETER THURSTON,	*R. W. Grand Warden,*
M. L. DOUGLASS,	*R. W. Grand Chaplain,*
JNO. A. WEIRMAN,	*W. Grand Conductor,*
R. W. KING,	*W. Grand Guardian.*

J. B. NEWBY & W. L. STEELE, *R. W. Grand Representatives.*

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master, WARREN WINSLOW, and opened in due form, Prayer by P. G. Rev. A. Paul Repiton.

On motion of Grand Representative W. L. Steele, the reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication was dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following *Committee on Credentials:* P. G. M., J. B. Newby, and Reps. W. H. Clark and R. Shaw.

On motion of P. Grand A. Paul Repiton, Brother E. N. Adkins, Scarlet member of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, was elected Steward during the present session, with the usual compensation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials have had submitted to them various certificates of Representatives and service, from which they have prepared and beg leave to submit to your R. W. body the following;

Cross Creek,	Lodge No. 4,	Charles Lutterloh,	Repre'tative.
Neuse,	Lodge No. 6,	William Robinson,	do,
Eureka,	Lodge No. 7,	John Hutchinson,	do.
Meck Declaration,	Lodge No. 9,	Robert Shaw,	do.
Achoree,	Lodge No. 14,	Wm. H. Clark	do.
Winchester,	Lodge No. 16,	B. B. Lawrence,	do.
Smyrna,	Lodge No. 18,	Wm. W. Rumley,	do.
Mountain,	Lodge No. 19,	Alex. Ramsour,	do.
Muchuena,	Lodge No. 20.	H. G. Goodloe,	do,
Buena Vista,	Lodge No. 21,	Robt. C. Donnell,	do.
Tuscarora,	Lodge No. 22,	Thomas Woodly,	do.
Piedmont,	Lodge No. 25,	E. J. Erwin,	do.
North State,	Lodge No. 26,	J. A. Weirman,	do.
Esperanza,	Lodge No. 28,	E. J. Johnson	do.
Falling Creek,	Lodge No. 29,	A. J. Veal,	do.
Samaritan,	Lodge No. 31,	Joseph B. Lucas,	do.
Howard,	Lodge No. 35,	H. De K. Cabiness,	do.
Olive Branch,	Lodge No. 37,	Wm. H. Watson,	do.
Constancia,	Lodge No. 38,	Wm. L. Hargrave,	do.
Pee Dee,	Lodge No. 39,	R. A. Caldwell,	do.
Excelsior,	Lodge No. 41,	R. F. Simonton,	do.
Brown Creek,	Lodge No. 43,	Wm. L. Terry,	do.
Enterprise,	Lodge No. 44,	Pomeroy Clark,	do.
Clarendon,	Lodge No. 45,	Stephen D Wallace,	do.

Your committee find that the Representatives from the following Lodges have no Certificates of service; Nos. 4, 6, 7, 31, 35, and 41. Your committee have obtained sufficient evidence, however, to satisfy them of the eligibility of the Representatives elect from these Lodges.

Some few of the Certificates have no seal affixed; but it is stated that the Lodges from which they emanate, being newly constituted, have not yet procured seals.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following Resolution;

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NEWBY,
W. H. CLARK,
R. SHAW.

Resolved, That the Representatives elect, as above set forth, be admitted and qualified to membership, and that they receive such P. O. Degrees as they severally are entitled to.

On motion of G. Rep. W. L. Steele, the report of the committee was adopted, and the accompanying resolution carried into effect.

The Grand Master submitted the following report:

M. W. GRAND MASTERS REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I have the honor to submit a brief statement of the matters which have come under the cognizance of this department of the Order during the past official year. While it will be seen that we have had but a small accession in point of numbers, we have reason to congratulate ourselves, that the foundations of the structure of Odd Fellowship in North Carolina have not been weakened.

At your last Communication, a resolution was adopted, directing the issue of a Charter for a Lodge to be located at White's Store, in Anson county, by the style of BROWN CREEK, No. 43. Conformably to authority from my immediate predecessor, the Lodge was duly opened and its officers installed, by G. Rep. Walter L. Steele, of Falling Creek Lodge, No. 29, on the 17th June.

Early in the year of my official service, a petition from several worthy Brothers, was presented to me, praying for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge in Wilmington. The petitioners had all withdrawn, by Cards, from Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2.

This being the first instance of an application to divide an existing Lodge, and to establish two Lodges in the same community, the subject was considered with much solicitude, and the advice of competent Brothers sought and obtained. The result of a very careful and deliberate review of the whole matter led me to the conclusion, that the good of the Order at large would be promoted by acquiescence in the application, while no injury could, in consequence, result to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2. A Dispensation was accordingly granted to open CLARENDON LODGE, No. 45; and the duty of its Institution was committed to and performed by D. D. G. M. William L. Smith. The growing importance, and rapidly increasing population of Wilmington warrant the expectation that two Lodges may be well sustained there.

Among the Petitioners of that Lodge, and its first Noble Grand, was our lamented Brother P. G. Rep. William E. Anderson. His death is a serious loss to the Order, and especially to the infant Lodge over which he presided; to the Brothers of which his many amiable and excellent qualities of head and heart had endeared him. While we mourn his departure from among us, we mourn not without the reasonable hope that he has carried with him that passport which has gained him admission into the Celestial Lodge above.

A Dispensation was also granted to open Farmington Lodge, No. 46 at Farmington. The duty of its Institution was kindly performed by R. W. Grand Warden, Peter Thurston, on the 25th of February.

It will be for you to decide whether Charters shall be issued to these Lodges,

In June last, I received information that Tryon Lodge. No. 23, had ceased to hold meetings, and that its Charter was considered as abandoned. No official communication has been made to me. The Grand Secretary was directed to take the proper steps to obtain possession of its books, papers, regalia, and property. He will doubtless report to you his doings in the premises.

Grand Rep. John Winslow having notified me that unforeseen circumstances would prevent his attendance at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and deeming it important to secure a full representation, I conferred the temporary appointment upon P. G. M. Johnston B. Newby, of Cross Creek, No. 4. A report of the proceedings of that Grand Body will be laid before you by Representatives Steele and Newby. It will devolve upon you at your present session to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Winslow and termination of his term of service.

At your last Communication, a committee was appointed to consider the Degree of Rebeka. Their report will doubtless be made to you. Applications have been made to me, from time to time, for that degree, and for instruction therein. As your Grand Body had not recognized nor adopted it, but, on the contrary, had postponed the determination of the matter until its present session, I did not deem a compliance with these applications consistent with decorum and a proper degree of subordination to your authority. I, therefore, declined to permit its introduction. In the mean time, with a view to your information, our Representatives were requested to receive the Degree, and to inform themselves fully in regard to it. I have also procured and have caused to be laid before you, for a similar purpose, twelve copies of Books of instruction in that Degree. The Degree has been, as I am informed, adopted by all the State Grand Lodges, save those of Maryland and North Carolina.

In this connection, it is proper to state, that information reached me that direct application had been made to the Grand Sire for the Degree. That high functionary properly declined interference. The application was made, I am satisfied, without due consideration, and certainly with no intention whatever to set at defiance your authority. It is alluded to now, only because the occasion seems a fit one to bring to the notice of Subordinates, that correspondence with the Grand Lodge of the United States can only properly be had through the medium of the State Grand Lodges.

Permission has been extended to various Lodges, from time to time, to have Addresses delivered, and for public celebrations.

I have been called upon frequently for decisions on questions of supposed doubtful construction. None of these questions involve anything new, and they were all settled according to precedents. For that reason they are not here mentioned in detail. They will be seen by reference to the file of correspondence and my Letter Book, which will be laid before you.

The difficulty of ascertaining your decisions and the opinions of the

Grand Masters, scattered as they were through numerous pamphlet copies of your proceedings, many of which were out of print, has led to unnecessary applications. This will be measurably obviated by the volume of Journals published by P. G. Sec. William D. Cooke, under your authority. This work has been very creditably done by the Compiler, and will prove a valuable accession to the Order, and ought to be in the hands of every member.

The following Lodges, Achoree, Esperanza, Thaddeus, Oriental, North State, Caswell, Mountain, and Cross Creek, transmitted to me the required contribution to the Honolulu Fund. The amount was forwarded to G. Sec. Ridgely.

The expenses of this department for the past year amount to $10 09, principally for printing and postages.

There is no law requiring the Grand Master to make official communications to you. I have followed usage, and the precedent set before me by all my predecessors. I respectfully suggest that there should be some requirement of this kind. It would very much forward your business were the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer directed to report in detail, to the Grand Master, at some fit time before the day of your yearly meeting, with a view to enable that officer to embody the substance of their reports in his communication, or to have them printed, in cases of real interest, for your information. The Grand Lodge would thus, at the beginning of its session, be put in possession of every matter of interest and importance which had occurred during its recess.

In withdrawing from the high office to which your partial kindness called me, I embrace the opportunity of making to you my grateful acknowledgements for the honor done to me, and for the privilege I have enjoyed of connecting my name with your history as an institution. I regret that I have had so little ability to serve you. You have my warmest hopes and wishes that your labors may serve to lay broad and deep the foundations of the Temple of your Order; to strengthen, to adorn, and to beautify the edifice of Odd Fellowship—the structure, in the erection of which, it is our proud boast, not a tear has been wrung from any heart, save the grateful hearts of the subjects and recipients of our bounty.

WARREN WINSLOW, *G. M.*

Grand Rep. W. L. Steele offered the following, in regard to the Grand Masters Report:

Resolved, That so much as relates to issuing of Charters, for new Lodges, now working under Dispensation, be referred to Committee on Petitions.

So much as refers to the relation of members of Subordinate Lodges to G. L. U. S., to Committee on State of the Order.

So much as relates to correspondence of the Grand Master, to the Committee on Correspondence.

Expenses of Grand Masters Office, to Committee on Finance.

So much as refers to suggestions concerning the Report of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, to Committee on State of the Order.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following Report.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In compliance with the laws of the Order, I respectfully submit my Report.

From the Returns of Subordinate Lodges, of the State, there are 1669 Contributing Members within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. During the period between 1st January and 31st December, 1852, there have been 263 Initiations, 43 Rejections, 41 Admitted by Card, 128 Withdrawn by Card, 12 Reinstated, 47 Suspended, 44 Expelled, 13 Deceased. There are 253 Past Grands.

There have been received for Initiations $1,339; for Degrees $2,741 62; for Dues $5,088 80; amount received for Fines and from other sources, $507 63; amount received for Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $1,449 14; amount for Education, $75 80. The whole amount of Revenue $12 515 07; amount upon which per centage is to be paid $8,903 37; and the amount paid thereon by the Subordinates $890 11

Up to this date, (April 27th, 1853) I have received from all sources $1 019 54—for which I have the Grand Treasurer's Receipts

There have been expended—for the relief of Brothers—$1,311; for Burying the Dead, $419 20; for the Education of Orphans, $136; and for the Relief of Widowed Families, $467 13. Total amount paid out for Relief $2,333 33.

Sundry Subordinates are indebted to this Grand Lodge $98 75.

I have written to all the Lodges, enclosing an account, in form, of their indebtedness, as per your instructions, which has been responded to only in part, as will be seen by the amount still due the Grand Lodge.

I am very sorry to have occasion to say, that the Returns, or many of them, were late in reaching the Grand Secretary.

The *June* term cannot be remitted too early, as Returns have to be made out at an early date thereafter to the Grand Lodge of the United States. It is desirable that the Installing Officers bear this in mind.

In obedience to instructions received, I wrote to the last officers of Tryon Lodge, No. 23, relative to Books, Charter, and other property of said Lodge, but have received no response.

Trent Lodge, No. 12, Trenton, and Franklin Lodge, No. 13, Louisburg, have ceased correspondence with this Grand Body.

Occidental Lodge, No. 33, Gatesville, has only sent Returns for the term ending 30th June, 1852.

Constancia Lodge, No. 38, Windsor, and Salem Lodge, No. 36, Salem, write for Charters, never having received theirs.

Yadkin Lodge responds to the call for her indebtedness, and says the amount due by said Lodge was paid to the installing Officer, and wishes her account credited. Your Secretary did not feel authorized to do so without your instruction.

I would here call your attention to a communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States to this Grand Lodge, (marked A,) in the correspondence of the Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. PAUL REPITON, G'd Sec'ry.

On motion of Grand Rep. W. L. Steele, the following was submitted and adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Grand Secretarys Report as relates to Finance, be referred to Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to Reports and indebtedness of Subordinates Lodges, to Committee on Returns and Reports of Subordinate Lodges.

So much as Relates to Occidental Lodge, to Committee on Finance.

So much as Relates to Yadkin Lodge, to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

So much as relates to Communication of G. L. U. S., to Com. on Correspondence.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of N. C., in account with Thomas M. Gardner, Grand Treasurer, Dr.

1852.		Amount.
May 12	To Cash Paid T. H. Hardenbergh, G. M. expenses,	28 45
	" " " D. Parrish, G. C., "	25 50
	" " " J. N. Washington, G. Rep., "	27 35
	" " " Jno. Winslow, " " "	20 50
	" " " W. S. G. Andrews, Rep., "	8 00
	" " " B. B. Laurence, " "	14 75
	" " " J. B. Williams, " "	28 45
	" " " Calvin Haynes, " "	11 25
	" " " E. T. Rice, " "	25 50
	" " " Jno. W. Morgan, " "	35 00
	" " " T. M. Sackett, " "	21 70
	" " " G. W. Atkins, " "	10 75
	" " " W. C. Blount, " "	12 60
	" " " Jno. A. Weirman, " "	45 00
	" " " W. H. Michal, " "	58 00
	" " " W. H. Clark, " "	43 25
	" " " R. Shaw, " "	49 50
	" " " M. L. Douglass, " "	20 00
	" " " J. B. Webb, " "	17 00
	" " " R. W. King, " "	17 00
	" " " A. A. T. Smith, " "	20 50
	" " " Thos. W. Dewey, " "	23 00
	" " " R. A. Caldwell, " "	23 37
	" " " H. L. Ward, " "	25 50
	" " " E. W. Jones, " "	32 75
15	" " " W. H. Childs, " "	36 50
	" " " Peter Thurston, " "	42 50
	" " " I. Disosway, " "	25 00
	" " " J. E. Morriss, " "	30 75
	" " " E. N. Adkins, Steward, (for services and stationary,) - - - -	12 94

July 26,	"	"	"	Charles Lutterloh, instituting Lumber River Lodge, - - - -	4 00
Aug. 10,	"	"	"	A. P. Repiton, G. S., services and postage,	267 41
	"	"	"	T. Burr, Jr., Printing, - - -	3 25
	"	"	"	T. Loring, " - - -	19 25
Aug. 11,	"	"	"	Smith & Gibbs, Rep. Regalia, -	50 00
	"	"	"	Premium on Check, - - -	50
Sept. 22.	"	"	"	Grand Lodge U. S. and Premium on Check, Rep. Tax, - - -	101 00
1853.					
Feb. 16,	"	"	"	T. Burr, Jr., Printing, - - -	90 00
March 31	"	"	"	Jas. Young, Books, - - -	22 50
	"	"	"	Grand Lodge U. S. Books and Cards,	47 00
	"	"	"	Premium on Check, - - -	50
	"	"	"	T. H. Hardenbergh, Letter Book and Printing, - - - - -	12 05
					$1,409 82
	"	"	"	carried to new account, - - -	503 76
					$1,913 58

Cr.

		Amount.
1852.		
May 12,	By Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, - -	886 74
	" " received from Finance Committee, over paid to Reps., - - - - - -	7 50
Aug. 10,	" " received from A. P. Repiton, Grand Sec'tary,	451 66
Sept. 22,	" " " " " " "	120 00
1853.		
Feb. 16,	" " " " " " "	356 00
April 13,	" " " " " " "	74 11
April 27,	" " " " " " "	17 57
		$1,913 58

MEMORANDA.

Cash carried to new account, - - - -		$503 76
Bond due from Eureka Lodge, No. 7,	$257 79	
Interest on the same, - - -	95 45	353 24
Bond due from Neuse Lodge, No. 6, -	300 00	
Interest on the same, - -	18 00	318 00
Total assets in hands of Grand Treasurer,		$1,175 00

THOS M. GARDNER, Grand Treasurer.

May 1st, 1853.

On motion of Deputy Grand Master, E. W. Jones, the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. H. De K. Cabiness, Alex. Ramsour, and P. G. John C. Wood.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—P. G. W. L. Smith, Reps. Wm. Robinson and Pomeroy Clark.

Committee on By-Laws, &c.—P. G. Rep. T Burr, jr., Rep. B. B. Lawrence, and P. G. T. M. Sackett.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—Reps. S. D. Wallace, Wm. Loftin Hargrave and John Hutchinson.

Committee on Finance.—P. Gs. M. L. Douglass, J. E. Morris, and Rep. E. J. Erwin.

Committee on the State of the Order.—G. Rep. W. L. Steele, P. G. W. S. G. Andrews, and Rep. E. J. Johnston.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. R. A. Caldwell, R. F. Simonton, and Charles Lutterloh.

Committee on Subordinate Lodges not Represented.—Reps. Thos. Woodley, Wm. L. Terry, and A. J. Veal.

Committee to Prepare Rules of Order.—P. Gs. J. N. Washington, J. Disosway, and J. Cicero Justice.

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah submitted their Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of the State of North Carolina:

The undersigned, who were appointed a Committee at the last Session of your Body, to take into consideration the Degree of Rebekah, and report to this Communication such action as in our judgment it was proper for this Grand Lodge to take, have discharged that duty, and present the following epitome of their opinions:

This Degree has been adopted by all the Grand Lodges, with the exception of those of this State and Maryland. It is desirable, in the highest degree, that there should be perfect uniformity, in all respects, in our Order throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States: and if this Degree should not be accepted by us, the curious and unenviable spectacle will be presented of an Order differing in one State from the work and instructions of another. We do not question the *right* of this Body to refuse to adopt it; but we think its exercise would present the *appearance* of an insubordination to the enactments of the highest tribunal known to our laws, calculated to work great evil to our most excellent Brotherhood.

We are aware that many an intelligent and zealous member of the Order entertains the opinion that this Degree was not *properly* engrafted upon our system,—that it was adopted in palpable violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Some of the Committee concur in this opinion. Yet a majority of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States thought otherwise at the Communication of 1851.

A large portion of the former has acquiesced in the decision, and we do not think it advisable for us to hold out against the weight of authority, especially when no good is likely to be accomplished by it. We therefore earnestly hope that this Right Worthy Grand Body will agree with us in the opinion, that it is advisable to accept the Degree, and take such steps, forthwith, as are necessary for putting the Subordinates in possession of the same. To facilitate the action of this Grand Lodge, we propose the annexed Resolutions, in which we ask your concurrence.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STEELE,
TALCOTT BURR, Jr.
E. W. JONES.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of this State accept the Degree of Rebekah.

Resolved, That the Grand Master, or his Deputy, be instructed to send a telegraphic dispatch forthwith to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, ordering eighty-eight copies of the book containing said Degree, to be forwarded to him by Express; which said books shall be distributed as early as practicable among the several Subordinate Lodges in this State.

Representative R. A. Caldwell offered the following:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be postponed, and made the special business of this Body to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Which motion was put and lost.

The question upon the Report of the Committee, with the accompanying Resolutions, was then called for and adopted.

Representative Thomas Woodley moved to reconsider the last motion, and to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion prevailed.

Representative J. B. Lucas, of Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, presented a petition for a change of the time of meeting of said Lodge from Monday to Saturday night. Said petition was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Representative R. A. Caldwell offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to G. Master Warren Winslow, for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Leave of absence was then granted G. Master Warren Winslow for the balance of the Session.

On motion of Representative S. D. Wallace, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

May 9th, 4 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, the Deputy Grand Master, E. W. Jones, in the Chair.

P. G., T. M. Sackett, was appointed by the G. M. Deputy Grand Master pro tem.

Grand Rep. W. L. Steele presented the credentials of P. G. William McNeill, of Lumber River Lodge, No. 42, and moved a reference of them to the Committee on Credentials, which was carried.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report, that they have examined the certificate of the Representative from Lumber River Lodge, No. 42, stating that P.G. William McNeill has been elected to represent said Lodge at your present annual Communication. The certificate is in due form and properly authenticated. No certificate of service has been presented, but your Committee have evidence upon which they can rely, that the Representative elect is entitled to a seat in this body. They therefore submit the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NEWBY,
W. H. CLARK.
R. SHAW.

Resolved, That P. G. William McNeill be admitted, and qualified as Representative from Lumber River Lodge, No. 42, and receive such P. O. Degrees as he may be entitled to.

The report of the Committee, with the accompanying resolution, was received and carried into effect.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Rep. R. A. Caldwell, and were adopted.

LODGE ROOM, May 9th, 1853.

A tribute of respect and brotherly love to the memory of Brother Wm. E. Anderson, from the members of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS. Official information has been received by the members of the G. L. of I. O. O. F., now in session in this town, of the death of P. G. Rep. William E. Anderson, late a member of Clarendon Lodge, No. 45, of the Subordinate Lodges: And whereas, we, the members of the Grand Lodge, with whom he has been associated, being desirous of testifying our sense of his merits, as well as our regret for his decease, therefore be it

Resolved, That whilst we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, we sincerely lament the demise of our esteemed and worthy Brother.

Resolved, That "whilst we mourn his departure from among us, we mourn not without the reasonable hope that he has carried with him that passport which has gained him admission into the Celestial Lodge above."

Resolved, that in view of his many estimable qualities as a gentleman and an Odd Fellow, we will wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days, and will enshroud our Charter in crape for the same space of time.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the same to the bereaved family of our Brother, with the deepest assurance of our sincere sympathy and condolence, and that the papers of this town be requested to publish them.

The Grand Representatives submitted their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of the State of North Carolina:

The undersigned, who had the honour to represent your interests in the late Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in compliance with the duty

imposed by their official connection with your Body, beg leave to present the following Report:

It affords us pleasure to state that the proceedings of that august body are characterized with that harmony, and the intercourse of the members with that true fraternal courtesy which was to have been expected in a Congress of the wise and experienced Representatives of so valuable and cherished an Order as our own. Our experience, derived from a cordial and free interchange of opinions with gentlemen from all sections of our wide spread Confederacy, has confirmed us in the belief that that genuine conservatism which the principles of Odd Fellowship inculcate, is of great service in allaying those storms of sectional passion and strife to which our political empire is subject. To be "faithful to the country," and obedient to the "laws and institutions" which have been adopted by the general voice for our government, constitute an essential pillar in the temple of our Fraternity; and we are happy to know that it has been guarded and protected by the Brotherhood every where, to prevent its disintegration and decay, and thus preserve our political fabric unharmed, a blessing and a boon to us and our posterity forever.

The Grand Lodge assembled in the City of Baltimore on Monday, the 20th September last, William W. Moore, M.W.C. Sire present, and presiding. All the officers, and Representatives from thirty-one Grand Lodges and twenty-six Grand Encampments were in attendance. One of your Representatives regrets that he was compelled, by public duties in this State, to leave before the closing of the Grand Lodge. The other remained until the adjournment. It was our pleasure, generally, to agree in opinion. Sometimes, however, we found it necessary to differ; but these cases were "*rari nantes, in gurgite vasto.*" We also had the valuable counsels and concurrence of Representative Thomas H. Hardenbergh, of the Grand Encampment of this State.

We do not intend to weary the Grand Lodge by a very elaborate report. The decisions which were made during the late Session are to be found in the printed proceedings, which are in your possession. Nevertheless, we feel called upon to direct your attention to them specifically. The reason for this is obvious. The following are the decisions:

"A Withdrawal Card is the absolute property of the holder, and is an evidence of his former good membership; and if he offers to deposit it, and thus gain admittance into a Lodge, and is rejected, the Lodge has no right to mutilate it by endorsing *rejected* thereon."

"Application to the Lodges with which they were connected, for re-instatement, is the only means of renewing a connection with the Order, lost by disuse."

"That the subject of dues belongs peculiarly to the legislation of State Grand Bodies, and interference by the Grand Lodge of the United States is wrong."

"That State Grand Lodges have a right to provide for the admission of Scarlet members to witness the ceremonies of Installation."

"That the Degree of Rebekah is not a necessary qualification for officers in a Subordinate Lodge."

"That State Grand Bodies have the right to disfranchise Subordinates for insubordination, without notice for trial."

"One year is the uniform term required of officers of State Grand Bodies."

"A Withdrawal Card, after the expiration of twelve months, is invalid for visiting, but is evidence of previous good standing, when application is made for renewal of membership." "And when a Brother has lost his Card, he may, upon satisfactory proof thereof, be admitted to membership as an Ancient Odd Fellow, and will be entitled to the rank which he proves himself to have attained."

"Persons who claim to be Odd Fellows, but cannot offer sufficient proof, can only be admitted by initiation; and shall state in their petition that they have never been suspended or expelled from a Lodge, and that they cannot get the evidence of their former membership."

"After a Lodge has granted a Card, the Secretary has no right to withold it."

"The Past Grand's charge *may be* delivered by the Noble Grand, but not by the Vice Grand. If a Past Grand be present, it is his duty."

"A Subordinate Lodge cannot grant leave of absence to an elective officer for a majority of the nights of a term, without working a forfeiture of the honours of his office."

"A Subordinate Lodge cannot re-consider a ballot on the election of a member. If *fraud* is established a new ballot may be ordered."

"The Vice Grand should appoint his own Supporters."

On the first day of the Session, Representative DeSaussure, of South Carolina, introduced resolutions providing for the election of a Committee of Five [originally three] to present to the Communication of 1853 such amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge as they might deem proper, which propositions should lie over, for action, until 1854. They were passed. An amendment was offered by Representative Barnard, of New York, that when considered, it should be *as a whole*. Your Representatives were opposed to this amendment, for the reason that they did not wish to be *forced* to take the "good and ill together."

In consequence of the passage of these Resolutions, but two amendments were made. One providing that the Grand Lodge should meet on the *first* Monday of September, and the other that all Past Grands who have taken the R. P. and G. Encampment Degrees, should be eligible to the office of Grand Sire.

The Grand Lodge determined to hold its next Session at Philadelphia.

A proposition was made to the effect that Indians might be admitted into the Order. The Committee on the State of the Order made an adverse report, which was signed by Representatives DeSaussure and Colfax. This report was overruled, on the ground that the language of the Committee was not sufficiently guarded. We sustained the report cordially. We were fearful of the consequences, thinking it might "be quoted for a precedent, and many an error, by the same example, rush into the order, breaking down certain ancient land-marks, necessary, in our judgment, to the maintenance of our peace and unity as a brotherhood.

On the second day of the Session, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing term, when Past Grand Master Wilmot G. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, was elected Grand Sire; Horace A. Manchester, of Rhode Island, Deputy Grand Sire; James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, G.R. and C. Secretary; and Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, Grand Treasurer.

It was the pleasure of one of your Representatives to put in nomination the distinguished member who was elected to fill the highest office within the gift of the Order. Past Grand Masters Ellison, of Massachusetts; Barnard, of N. N. York, and Askew, of Delaware, were also named for this appointment. Each would have done honor to the Order; but your Representatives had a choice. They congratulate the Order upon the elevation of a gentleman so competent and worthy, in all respects, to discharge the high functions of the office to which he has been called. Possessing a clear head; having large experience and a known devotion to *the just and temperate progress* of the order, a confidence may be felt that his administration will be wise and conservative. His chief aim will be to keep steadily in view "the ancient land-marks which our fathers have set," while at the same time, he will not close his eyes to "the spirit of the age," which demands that the minds and the energies of man shall not be fettered, except by those restraints which experience demonstrates to be wise. Your Representatives take occasion to say that "all progress is not reform." They do not approve that ceaseless tampering with the institutions and laws of the past, which may be characterized as *experimental progress*. Men are apt to go pretty "fast" in this Republic of ours, without having many "spurs to prick the sides of their intent." We should be cautious, therefore, how we meddle with existing things, and never do so unless we are sure that a change will be beneficial. It is folly to reject every admonition of the age, and madness to approve. "*In medio, tutissimus ibis*" is, and always will be a safe rule of guidance; guarding us against the folly of spurning every proposition which the advancing wisdom of the times may sug-

gest; preventing us from the silly opinion that what has suited one age will be proper for all time to come; and at the same time saving us from that equal absurdity of supposing that our fathers were foolish, and that we alone possess wisdom, of all who have lived upon the face of the earth. In the manufacturing establishments of the country a piece of ingenious mechanism, very properly called a "governor," is used to regulate the motion of the machinery. These are equally important in the moral and social organizations of the age.

Our Grand Sire elect is, what is termed a moderate reformer, and, therefore, all that the Grand Lodge of this State can desire. We again express our hearty gratification at his election, and predict for him a wise and excellent administration.

The Committee elected to take into consideration amendments to the Constitution, &c. are: W. G. DeSaussure, of South Carolina; Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana; Daniel P. Barnard, of New York; William Ellison, of Massachusetts, and Past Grand Sire Griffin, of Georgia. It will be perceived that it is composed of very able and distinguished members of the Order.

There was no legislation in reference to the Degree of Rebekah, and it must be adopted. It is the law and should be zealously carried out. Your Representatives will give instruction in the Degree whenever required by the Grand Lodge. It is confined to the *wives* of Scarlet members of the Order, and in this age of progress we hope that our younger brothers will prepare themselves to take the full benefit of its instructions.

We would suggest, with great deference, the propriety of this Body taking into consideration the subject of the present Encampment system; and, also, whether in its opinion the term for which Representatives are chosen, is long enough.

We take this occasion to return our most sincere acknowledgments for the honor which has been conferred upon us, and to assure you that no effort on our part has been spared to prove ourselves worthy of the confidence bestowed. A faithful and intelligent discharge of duty is the best return any agent can give his principal. If we have done this, we have done all that could be asked.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER LEAKE STEELE,
JOHNSTON BLAKELEY NEWBY, } *Grand Reps.*

P. G. Master, J. B. Newby, presented from the Building Committee of the Odd Fellow's Hall of the city of New Orleans, a Lythograph copy of said building; when, on motion, the thanks of this Grand Lodge were expressed to said Committee.

P. G., A. Paul Repiton, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all books, with their postage, be charged to Subordinate Lodges, except those books which are usually granted with the Dispensation to open new Lodges.

On motion of Grand Rep., W. L. Steele,

Resolved, That the Journal of the last session of this Grand Lodge be so amended as to state that the resolution on page 28 was amended so as to read that the Grand Lodge should meet on the second Monday of May, in each year, and as amended was passed.

The resolution was passed.

P. G. Master, J. B. Newby, offered the following:

Resolved, That Winchester Lodge, No. 16, have permission to change the time of meeting, from "once a fortnight" to the first and third Saturday nights

in each month—twenty-six nights service; of course, being required of the officer.

The resolution was adopted.

Grand Representative, W. L. Steele, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Journal of Proceedings printed by P. G. Secretary, W. D. Cooke, by the order of this Grand Lodge, now in the possession of the Grand Secretary, be distributed among the several Subordinate Lodges, one to each Lodge; said Subordinates paying for the same at cost.

The resolution was adopted.

P. Grand, W. S. G. Andrews, submitted the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to our worthy Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, Walter L. Steele and J. B. Newby, for the faithful and energetic manner in which they have performed their duties on the floor of the Grand Lodge, and for their very able and instructive report to this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the accompanying resolution offered by Rep. J. B. Lucas, of Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Grand Lodge, and recommend its passage.

Fraternally,

W. L. STEELE,
W. S. G. ANDREWS,
E. J. JOHNSTON.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the salary now allowed the Grand Treasurer, and that they be required to report the result of their deliberations to this Grand Body at its present session.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of P. Grand, M. L. Douglass, it was

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Grand Representatives as relates to the Encampment, be referred to a Special Committee of Three.

Committee—Past Grands M. L. Douglass, W. S. G. Andrews, and D. Parish.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be directed to negotiate a loan of six hundred dollars for the purpose of meeting the defi-

ciency in the expenses of this Communication, and that the faith of this Grand Lodge be pledged to the payment of the same.

Adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the suggestions of the Grand Master, relative to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, have considered the same and beg leave to report, that after due deliberation, we concur in the propriety of the suggestion. If these officers were required to report to him, by a reasonable time before the session of the Grand Lodge, it would afford him a far better opportunity to make valuable suggestions to assembled Past Grands than he can otherwise have. These reports he might have printed, and ready for distribution at the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Although the subject was not referred to us, we beg leave to express concurrence in his suggestions as to the propriety of *requiring* the Grand Master to make a report to the Grand Lodge. With these views, we present the annexed resolutions in which we ask your concurrence.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER LEAKE STEELE.
E. J. JOHNSON,
W. S. G. ANDREWS.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, for the time being, to make a report to the Grand Lodge of the State.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to make their reports to the Grand Master at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, which said reports, together with his own, he shall cause to be printed and distributed among the members of the Grand Lodge at the opening of the session.

The Committee on the State of the Order also submitted the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O F. of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Master as refers to the relation of members of Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge of the United States, have considered the same, and beg leave to report, that the position taken in the report by the Grand Master is strictly correct. The Grand Lodge of the United States cannot hold intercourse with any member of a Subordinate Lodge, except through the Grand Lodge of the State. The propriety of such a limitation is beyond question, and we earnestly hope that no occasion will hereafter arise making it necessary to call the attention of Past Grands to the impropriety and illegality of seeking redress for grievances, either real or alleged, except through the means pointed out by law for this purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER LEAK STEELE.
E. J. JOHNSON,
W. S. G. ANDREWS.

The above reports of the Committee were adopted.

The following motion was offered by Grand Rep., W. L. Steele.

Resolved, That the annual salary of the Grand Secretary shall hereafter be one hundred and fifty dollars.

Which motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to half-past ten o'clock tomorrow.

Thursday, May 10th, 10½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge assembled according to adjournment, the Deputy Grand Master, E. W. Jones, in the Chair.

The Committee on Returns and Reports submitted a report, when on motion of Rep. W. H. Clark, said report was referred back to the Committee.

PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The petition of the undersigned, holding withdrawal cards from Lodges legally recognized by your worthy Body, respectfully represents, that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at White Hall, Wayne County, in your State. Wherefore your petitioners pray that a charter may be duly issued in pursuance of the laws of your worthy body.

GEORGE C. JONES,
JOEL ELMORE,
JAMES M. DAVIS,
WM. B. WHITFIELD,
JOHN L. LEE.

May 6th, 1853.

The above was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred that part of the Secretary's Report relative to Yadkin Lodge, report that, as Yadkin Lodge has complied with the requirements of this Grand Lodge, by having paid her dues to P. Grand, W. J. McElroy, the Installing Officer, as appears from a letter from P. Grand McElroy to the Grand Secretary, in acknowledgment thereof—therefore, Yadkin Lodge, in our opinion, is legally entitled to a credit on the books of the Grand Secretary for the amount so paid—and we therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to place the amount so paid to the credit of Yadkin Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

S. D. WALLACE,
W. LOFTIN HARGRAVE,
JOHN HUTCHINSON.

The report and accompanying resolution were adopted.

The following was submitted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, having requested Bro. A. P. Repiton to forward it four dozen cards, and to pay the postage on the same, amounting in all to four dollars eighty-seven cents, and having in accordance with its promise, remitted the said amount to Bro. A. P. Repiton, which, it appears, was never received by him; Past Grand, J. B. Lucas, therefore moves that the aforesaid amount of four dollars eighty-seven cents be placed to the credit of Samaritan Lodge.

This was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the duty of Correspondence and Communication, beg leave to report, that we have given the whole matter a thorough investigation, and we find nothing worthy the consideration of this body, except a communication from Falling Creek Lodge, making enquiry: "Is a person who has passed hrough the Chair as N. G., but who was absent from the Lodge more than half the time, or who did not preside a majority of nights during his term of office, eligible to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the State." And a communication from E P. Hunt, G S. G. L. S. Texas, bearing date, Galveston, March 1853. We, your Committee, do not think that these matters come properly under our jurisdiction, and would most respectfully recommend the attention of the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, and beg leave to be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DeK CABINESS,
ALEX. RAMSOUR,
JOHN C. WOOD.

The report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

G. R., J. B. Lucas moved that this Grand Lodge proceed to the election of officers this afternoon, at 3 o'clock—which motion prevailed.

Rep. T. H. Hardenbergh moved that a Committee of Three be appointed to attend to the unfinished business of last year. Which was adopted.

Committee—G. R., T. H. Hardenbergh, P. Grands J. E. Morris and W. S. G. Andrews.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the resolution of Rep. R. A. Caldwell, in reference to the expediency of abolishing the salary now allowed the Grand Treasurer, and beg leave to report, that they are of opinion that it is not expedient to abolish or make any alteration in the salary now allowed that Officer. Respectfully submitted.

M. L. DOUGLASS,
J. E. MORRIS,
E. J. ERWIN.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, one hundred and fifty dollars would not be a sufficient annual compensation to the Grand Secretary for his services, but they think his present salary might be reduced fifty dollars. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, instead of the one submitted to our consideration, viz:

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary hereafter be two hundred dollars per annum.

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. DOUGLASS,
JAS. E. MORRIS,
E. J. ERWIN.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

Rep. Morgan presented the following:

WHEREAS, It has been the practice of this body to pay the expenses of the Representatives, therefore be it

Resolved, That but one-third of the Representatives shall be entitled to pay for their expenses for their services in this Grand Body, and that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to procure a ballot box and place therein as many votes as there are Lodges having Past Grands, and that the votes shall have written on them the name of each and every Lodge working under this jurisdiction, and the Grand Secretary give yearly notice thereof.

Further Resolved, That in the event of any fraction or fractions among the Subordinate Lodges they shall be entitled to a paid Representative, and the Grand Secretary is hereby required to notify each and every Lodge who may be entitled to a paid member.

And be it further Resolved, That no Lodge shall be entitled to such Representative but once in three years, or until the Roll shall be exhausted; and that the act of the Session of the year 1850, paying the expenses of the Representatives is hereby repealed.

On motion of Representative McNeil, the above was referred to the Committee on Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials have examined the following Certificates, which they find correct:

Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2,	Wm. C. Howard,	Representative.
Oriental Lodge, No. 24,	Henry L. Ward,	do.
Salem Lodge, No. 36,	A. T. Zevely,	do.
Farmington Lodge, No. 46,	Peter Thurston, proxy,	do.
Phalanx Lodge, No. 10,	T. H. Hardenbergh,	do.

Your Committee submit the appended Resolutions.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B NEWBY,
W. H CLARK,
R. SHAW.

Resolved, That the Representatives from Lodges Nos. 24 and 36 be admitted, and that such of them as have not heretofore been members of this Body be qualified, and receive such P. O. Degrees as they may be entitled to.

Resolved, That the proxy Representative from Farmington Lodge, No. 46, be allowed, as such Lodge has no Past Grand.

The Report of the Committee, with the accompanying Resolutions, were adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, the D. Grand Master in the Chair.

The Committee on Petitions submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Charter from Clarendon Lodge, No. 45, at present working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

R. A. CALDWELL,
R. F. SIMONTON,
C LUTTERLOH.

The Report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Petitions made the following additional Report:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the application for a

Charter from Friendship Lodge, No. 47, to be situated at White Hall, Wayne County, N. C., respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted.

R. A. CALDWELL,
C. LUTTERLOH,
R. F. SIMONTON.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Reports and Returns, submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS AND RETURNS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Reports and Returns having made the necessary examination, present the following Report:

They find the following Returns and Reports, for the term ending June 30th, 1852, to be in due form.

Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2.
Eureka Lodge, No. 7.
Meck. Declaration Lodge, No. 9.
Phalanx Lodge, No. 10.
Concordia Lodge, No. 11.
Winchester Lodge, No. 16.
Smyrna Lodge, No. 18.
Achoree Lodge, No. 14.
Mountain Lodge, No. 19.
Muchuena Lodge, No. 20.
Tuscarora Lodge, No. 22.
Oriental Lodge, No. 24.
North State Lodge, No. 26.
Esperanza Lodge, No. 28.
Falling Creek Lodge, No. 29.
Howard Lodge, No. 35.
Salem Lodge, No. 36.
Constancia Lodge, No. 38.
Yadkin Lodge, No. 30.

The following Lodges have no Seal:

Washington Lodge, No. 3.
Cross Creek Lodge, No. 4.
Thaddeus Lodge, No. 5.
Neuse Lodge, No. 6.
Manteo Lodge, No. 8.
Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21.
Piedmont Lodge, No. 25.
Columbus Lodge, No. 27.
Samaritan Lodge, No. 31.
Caswell Lodge, No. 32.
Occidental Lodge, No. 33.
Contentnea Lodge, No. 34.
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37.
Pee Dee Lodge, No. 39.
Catawba Lodge, No. 40.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 41.
Lumber River Lodge, No. 42.
Enterprise Lodge, No. 44.

The following Lodges have no Report for Term ending June 30th, 1852.

Tryon Lodge, No. 23.
Franklin Lodge, No. 13.
Covenant Lodge, No. 17.

The following Returns and Reports, for Term ending 31st December, 1852, are in proper form:

Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2.
Thaddeus Lodge, No. 5.
Eureka Lodge, No. 7.
Meck. Declaration Lodge, No. 9.
Phalanx Lodge, No. 10.
Achoree Lodge, No. 14.
Smyrna Lodge, No. 18.
Mountain Lodge, No. 19.
Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21.
Oriental Lodge, No. 24,
Esperanza Lodge, No. 28.
Falling Creek Lodge, No. 29.
Samaritan Lodge, No. 31.
Caswell Lodge, No. 32.
Howard Lodge, No. 35.
Cross Creek Lodge, No. 4.
Salem Lodge, No. 36.

The following Lodges have no Seal:

Washington Lodge No. 3.
Neuse Lodge, No. 6.
Manteo Lodge, No. 8.
Concordia Lodge, No. 11.
Winchester Lodge, No. 16.
Muchuena Lodge, No. 20.*
Tuscarora Lodge, No. 22.
Piedmont Lodge, No. 25.
North State Lodge, No. 26.
Columbus Lodge, No. 27.
Yadkin Lodge, No. 30.
Contentnea Lodge No. 34 ◊
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37.
Constancia Lodge, No. 38.
Pee Dee Lodge, No. 39.
Catawba Lodge, No 40.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 41.
Lumber River Lodge, No. 42.
Brown Creek Lodge, No. 43.
Enterprise Lodge, No. 44.
Clarendon Lodge, No. 45.‡

The following Lodges have no Reports:

Tryon Lodge, No. 23.
Occidental Lodge, No. 33.
Franklin Lodge, No. 13—defunct.
Covenant Lodge, No. 17 do.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. ROBINSON,
POMEROY CLARK,
W. L. SMITH.

Your Committee find that Franklin Lodge, No. 13, and Covenant Lodge, No. 17, have not made returns within the Constitutional period assigned for that purpose, and therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the aforesaid Lodges have forfeited their Charters, and that they are hereby declared extinct.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge instruct the Grand Secretary, or such other Brother as they may see fit to designate, to receive from said Lodges the charters, books, papers, furniture and funds of said Lodges.

The Report of the Committee, with the accompanying Resolutions, were adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report, that they have examined a certificate setting forth that Past Grand, Calvin Haynes, has been elected Representative, and Past Grand, Willlamm G. Smith, and John H. Summersett, Alternate Representatives, from Columbus Lodge, No. 27. The Certificate is in due form and properly authenticated. Past Grand Haynes has heretofore been a member of this Body; but no certificate of service has been furnished by Past Grands Smith and Summersett. Your Committee have satisfied themselves, however, that the necessary service has been rendered by them, and therefore beg leave to submit the Resolutions appended.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NEWBY,
W. H. CLARK,
R. SHAW.

Resolved, That P. G. Calvin Haynes be admitted as Representative from Columbvs Lodge, No. 27.

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*Has not the signature of the N. G. or V. G. ◊No signature.
‡Not signed by the N. G.

Resolved, That P. G. Wm. G. Smith and John H. Summersett be admitted and qualified as members of this Body, and receive such P. O. Degrees as they may be entitled to.

All of which were adopted, and Past Grand Haynes took his seat as Representative from Columbus Lodge, No. 27, and Past Grand John H. Summersett was admitted and duly qualified.

The hour having arrived for the nomination of Officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Lodge proceeded to that business.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed Past Grands J. E. Morris and W. L. Smith to receive and count the ballots.

Nominations for Grand Master were called for.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell nominated	G. Rep. W. L. STEELE.
Rep. H. L. Ward "	D. G. Master E. W JONES.
Rep. Wm. Robinson "	P. G. W. S. G. ANDREWS.

The vote being taken, the Tellers reported that Grand Representative W. L. Steele had received a majority of the votes cast, when he was declared duly elected Grand Master.

Nominations for Deputy Grand Master were called for.

P.G. A. Paul Repiton nominated	G. W., PETER THURSTON.
Rep. R. F. Simonton "	P. G. R. A. CALDWELL.
Rep. D. Parish "	P. G., J. E. MORRIS.
Rep. W. L. Hargrave "	P. G., W. S. G. ANDREWS.

The vote being taken, the Tellers reported that Past Grand W S. G. Andrews had received a majority of the votes cast, when he was declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master.

Nominations for Grand Secretary were called for.

Rep. B. B. Lawrence nominated	P. G., A. PAUL REPITON.
Rep. Wm. L. Terry "	Rep S. D. WALLACE.

The votes being counted, the Tellers declared Past Grand A. Paul Repiton to have received a majority of the votes cast, when he was declared duly elected.

Nominations for Grand Treasurer were called for.

Rep. John Hutchinson nominated	P. G., T. M. GARDNER.

A ballot being had, the Tellers declared Past Grand T. M. Gardner to have received a majority of votes cast, when he was declared duly elected.

Nominations for Grand Warden were called for.

P. G., M. L. Douglass nominated	P. G., J. E. MORRIS.
Rep. E. J. Johnston "	Rep. WM. ROBINSON.
P. G. R., T. Burr, Jr. "	Rep. J. B. WEIRMAN.
Rep. E. J. Erwin "	Rep. W. L. TERRY.
Rep. R. Shaw "	Rep. E. J. ERWIN.

Several ballots being had, the name of Representative Erwin was withdrawn, by request.

The votes being counted, the Tellers reported Representative J. B. Weirman to have received a majority of the votes cast, when he was declared duly elected.

Nominations for Grand Chaplain were next called for:

Rep. Calvin Haynes nominated P. G. Rev. H. LENNON.

The vote was taken, and P. G. Lennon was declared duly elected.

Nominations for Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States were called for.

P. G., A. Paul Repiton nominated	P. G., E. W. JONES.
Rep. Robt. C. Donnell, "	Rep. E. J. ERWIN.
P.G.M., T. H. Hardenburgh "	P.G.M., W. WINSLOW.
Rep. Wm. L. Terry "	Rep. R. A. CALDWELL.

The ballot being taken, the Tellers announced that P. Grand E. W. Jones had received a majority of the votes cast, when he was declared duly elected.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a communication from Falling Creek Lodge to the Grand Master, and his reply thereto, relative to the eligibility of an officer of a Subordinate Lodge who has not served a majority of the nights of a Term to the Past Official Degrees, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That service for a majority of the nights of a Term is essential to entitle an officer to the Past Official Degrees. He must perform *actual* service: and no Lodge has any right to excuse him for absence for a longer time than *twelve* out of the *twenty-six* nights of the Term, without forfeiting the honors of his office.

The Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, decided this question by adopting a Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, to be found on page 1886 of the Journal. This decision is to be seen in the Repo t of the Grand Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

Our late M. W. Grand Master, in his reply, followed a former decision of this Grand Body, and had not seen the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Fraternally submitted,

W. L. STEELE,
E. J. JOHNSON,
W. S. G. ANDREWS.

On motion of Past Grand P. Thurston, the Report of the Committee was concurred in.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Petitions:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a

Charter from Farmington Lodge, No. 46, respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

R. A. CALDWELL,
C. LUTTERLOH,
R. F. SIMONTON.

The same Committee made the following additional Report:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Charter from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 47, at present working under a Dispensation from the Grand Master, respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

R. A. CALDWELL,
C. LUTTERLOH,
R. F. SIMONTON.

The following Communication was received and read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina:

The undersigned, Representative of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, tenders, in behalf of said Lodge, a most cordial invitation to this Honourable Grand Body, to participate, on Friday, 13th instant, in the celebration of their 11th Anniversary.

W. C. HOWARD.

On motion of Grand Representative W. L. Steele, the above was unanimously accepted, and the thanks of this Grand Body tendered.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to whom was submitted the Resolutions of Representative Morgan in regard to paying the Representatives to this Grand Lodge, beg leave to Report:

That they find nothing in the Resolutions in contravention of the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Body. In regard to the propriety or expediency of adopting the Resolutions, the Committee do not consider it within their province to express an opinion, and therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. SACKETT,
B. B. LAWRENCE,
T. BURR, Jr.

Past Grand P. Thurston moved the adoption of the Report of the Committee, which was carried.

Whereupon the mover of the Preamble and Resolutions was permitted to withdraw them.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Finance Committee having carefully examined the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, ask leave to offer the following Report:

The amount of receipts, from 12th May, 1852, to 27th April, 1853, is as follows.

From Subordinate Lodges, (per centage) - - - - -	$890 11
" other sources, including amount returned by Representatives overpaid, as reported by Grand Treasurer,	136 73
Cash on hand, as reported, - - - - - - - - -	886 74
Making in all, - - - - - - - -	$1,913 58
Whole amount of disbursement, - - - - - -	1,409 82
Which leaves in hands of the Grand Treasurer, at this time,	$503 76

In addition to the amount of cash on hand, there are two bonds due this Grand Lodge; one for Eureka Lodge, No. 7, for $257 79 principal; interest, $95 45; and one on Neuse Lodge, No. 6, for $300, interest due thereon $18, which makes the whole amount of the assetts of this Grand Lodge, one thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars, besides $98 75 which the Grand Secretary reports as being due from sundry Subordinate Lodges.

Your Committee report that the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been correctly kept, and that the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer are supported by proper vouchers.

Your Committee regret to be under the necessity of stating that the low state of the finances of this Grand Lodge renders it absolutely necessary to increase the per-centage on Subordinate Lodges, and also, if practicable, to call upon Eureka and Neuse Lodges for the payment of their bonds. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the per-centage on Subordinate Lodges for the ensuing year, be fifteen per cent.

Resolved, That Eureka and Neuse Lodges be called upon for the payment of their bonds, by the next annual meeting of this Grand Body.

We further recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay to P. G. Master, Warren Winslow, ten dollars and nine cents, amount of expenses incurred by him during his official term of service.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love, and Truth.

M. L. DOUGLASS,
J. E. MORRIS,
E. J. ERWIN.

P. G. Morris moved to amend by striking out all after Subordinate Lodges down to "bonds," and also the second resolution.

Past Grand Master, T. H. Hardenbergh, offered as a substitute to the amendment, the following:

Resolved, That the tax upon the Subordinate Lodges, for the year 1853' shall be ten per cent upon Initiations, Degrees, Dues, and Deposit Cards.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will pay one half of the necessary expenses of one Past Grand from each Lodge, such Past Grand having produced the certificate of his election as Representative

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary give each Lodge special notice of the adoption of the above resolutions.

The question was taken upon the above substitute for the amendment, and it was lost.

The question was then taken upon the amendment which was also lost.

The question was next taken upon the report of the Committee of Finance, when the report and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made their report as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Unfinished Business of last Session beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the Journal, and find the following proceedings:

On page 29 appears a resolution as follows:

Resolved, "That a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and general laws of this Grand Lodge, and have the same printed for examination at next session."

The resolution was adopted, and Past Grands John Winslow, J. B. Newby and T. M. Sackett appointed the Committee.

On page 39.

Resolved, "That a Committee of Past Grands, T. W. Dewey, W. H. McKee, and Isaac Proctor, of Manteo Lodge, No. 8, be appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, P. Grand, W. D. Cooke, with this Body. And that they are directed to make a detailed report to the next Grand Lodge. And they are hereby authorized to print the same for the information of the Lodge."

Your Committee believe the above comprises all the unfinished business of last session, which has not already received the attention of your R. W. Body during the present session.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. HARDENBERGH,
W. S. G. ANDREWS,
J. E. MORRIS.

The report of the above Committee was adopted.

The following communication was received and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

The petition of the undersigned most respectfully represent, that they were members of Covenant Lodge, No. 17, located in the town of Greenville, Pitt County; that they were in good standing in said Lodge at the time the Lodge ceased to work; that more than two years have expired since there was any meeting of the Lodge, and your petitioners have endeavored to procure a meeting of said Lodge, if for no other purpose, that they might obtain withdrawal cards, and thereby be enabled to attach themselves to some other Lodge, but in all their efforts to do so, they have been unsuccessful, and have now abandoned the hope that said Lodge will ever again hold a meeting. And your petitioners, feeling a deep interest in the prosperity of the Order, are desirous of uniting themselves to some working Lodge, where they may aid in spreading the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, and enjoy the benefits resulting from such Associations. But they are unable to do so without the aid of the Grand Lodge. They beg, therefore, that the officers of the Grand Lodge will take their case into consideration, and give unto each of them such relief as the nature of their case would seem to require

And, as in duty bound, they will endeavor to continue worthy members of our beloved Order.

Most respectfully submitted.

F. B. SATTERTHWAITE.
JAS. H McCLUER,
THOS. A. GORHAM,
S. B. EVANS,
ZENO H. GREENE.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the motion of P. Grand, J. B. Lucas, to credit Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, with the sum of $4 87, which sum is said to be due to the Grand Lodge for cards purchased, but which sum was mailed to the address of the Grand Secretary and failed to reach its destination, respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, having mailed, to the address of the Grand Secretary, the amount of $4 87, that the Grand Secretary be hereby instructed to credit said Lodge with said amount.

S. D. WALLACE,
W. L. HARGRAVE,
JOHN HUTCHINSON.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

May 11, 1853—11 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Grand Lodge convened according to adjournment, Deputy Grand Master, E. W. Jones, in the Chair.

A letter was received from Past Grand, W. R. Musgrave, which was read, and, on motion of Rep. R. A. Caldwell, referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Rep. T. H. Hardenbergh, in pursuance of instruction, invited the Grand Lodge to hold the Annual Communication, of May 1854, at the Hall of Phalanx Lodge, No. 10, Washington, N. C.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell offered the following:

Resolved, That leave of absence be granted Rep. Simonton, from and after to-day.

Which was granted.

Rep. Thomas Woodly offered the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary correspond with the Committee of Past Grands, T. W. Dewey, W. H. McKee and Isaac Proctor, of Manteo Lodge, No. 8, appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, to audit and settle the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, Past Grand W. D. Cooke, with this body, and ascertain the amounts that may be due to the Grand Lodge from the Subordinate Lodges, as well as such amounts as may be due to the Subordinate Lodges respectively, and that he shall place said amounts on his books accordingly, and that the Grand Secretary shall inform such Subordinate Lodges of the same, when it shall have been so accomplished.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Rep. E. J. Johnson offered the following, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That Esperanza Lodge, No. 28, have leave to change its time of meeting, from Thursday to Tuesday night.

Rep. T. H. Hardenbergh offered the following resolution which was concurred in.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge, in the performance of legislative duties, a copy of the Revised Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. J. A. Weirman requested leave of absence from and after today, for Past Grand Peter Thurston, which was granted.

Past Grand J. E. Morris asked leave of absence, from and after today, for Rep. A. T. Zevely, which was granted.

Past Grand M. L. Douglass, offered the following, which was passed.

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to instruct this Grand Lodge in the unwritten work of the Order.

The instruction thereupon was imparted.

On motion of Past Grand, Rep. Washington, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 3½ o'clock, P. M.

May 11, 3½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, Deputy Grand Master E. W. Jones in the Chair.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report, that a certificate has

been presented to them, stating that Past Grand John J. Conoley has rendered the necessary service in Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, to entitle him to a seat in this Body. The certificate is in due form and properly authenticated. Your Committee therefore submit the appended resolution.

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. NEWBY.
W. H. CLARKE.
R. SHAW.

Resolved, That P. G. John J. Conoley be admitted and qualified as a member of this Body, and receive such P. O. Degrees as he may be entitled to.

The report and resolution were adopted, and Past Grand J. J. Conoley introduced and received the P. O. Degrees.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That each Lodge, in good standing within this jurisdiction, be allowed to have one public celebration and procession, in Regalia, during the present official year.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a Communication from the Grand Lodge of Texas, have considered the same, and beg leave to Report:

That while we believe the objects designed to be accomplished by the Resolutions offered, are praiseworthy and desirable, yet we do not wish to see the benefits extended to travelling Brothers, by Lodges on which they may call, confined to the bare weekly benefits which they would draw from the Lodge to which they belong.

We therefore submit the following Resolution:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the U. States be requested to unite with the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas in support of the Resolutions, provided nothing therein shall be construed so as to limit the benefits to distressed brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. STEELE,
W. S. G. ANDREWS,
E. J. JOHNSON.

The report of the Committee, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted.

The Special Committee on the Encampment branch of the Order, &c., appointed to consider a portion of the Grand Representative's report, submitted the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Report of our R. W. G. Representatives which relates to the Encampment branch of our Order, beg leave to report: That in their opinion a change of the present system is much needed, and highly desirable. At present we deem it unnecessary to enter into an argument to show how far the Encampment system falls below that position which it ought properly to assume in the Order, and in what respects a change would make it more useful and efficient in carrying

out the objects intended by its creation. The objects intended to be attained by the adoption of the Encampment Degrees, and the establishment of this organization as a separate and higher branch of the Order, we understand to be these:

1st. That members of the Order who had proved themselves faithful and worthy in the Subordinate Lodges should be elevated to these higher degrees as a mark of merit.

2nd. That those so elevated should, by a similar system of contribution to that used in the Subordinate Lodge, be entitled to further benefits. These objects, we believe, can be attained as well by making these degrees but higher degrees in the Subordinate Lodge.

The reasons which present themselves most forcibly to the understanding of your Committee for making this change, are:

1st. The inequality of the present system, and

2nd. The great expense necessary to sustain it.

In the present condition of the Order in our State, there are but few Lodges sufficiently strong to furnish the material and means for the establishment of an Encampment; and, consequently, members of the weaker Lodges have either to unite with Encampments at a distance, or be entirely deprived of the reception of the degrees. This presents an inequality in the work of the Order, which ought to be remedied.

2nd. As to expense. The maintenance of the Encampment, as a separate branch of the Order, weakens the Lodges in their finances (which we consider a most essential particular) to the full extent of the amounts paid for Encampment expenses; and under this head we would include the support of the Grand Encampment and Representative tax to the Grand Lodge United States.

To carry out the foregoing views, we submit the annexed Resolution, in which we ask your concurrence.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
W. S. G. ANDREWS,
D. PARRISH.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the next Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby instructed, to use their efforts in endeavoring to merge the Encampment degrees into the Subordinate branch of our Order.

The Report and accompanying Resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Washington, representatives Hutchinson, of Eureka Lodge, No. 7, Rumley of Smyrna Lodge, No. 18, and Morgan, of Concordia Lodge, No. 11, were granted leave of absence from and after to-day, May 11th, 1853.

Representative Erwin asked leave of absence for representative Cabiness from and after to-day, which was granted.

Representative Donnell offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to credit Buena Vista Lodge with eighteen dollars for the present year. That amount having been paid to Past Grand Secretary W. D. Cooke for the year 1851, and the credit not appearing on the books.

On motion of representative J. B. Lucas, the Grand Lodge proceeded to instal the officers elect for the ensuing year. Deputy Grand Master E. W. Jones procured the services of Past Grand Master J. B. Newby, when the officers elect were duly installed into their respective offices, except the Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Thomas M. Gardner, who being confined by sickness was declared by the Grand Master to be under the obligation taken when last installed to that office.

The M. W. Grand Master Walter Leake Steele appointed Past Grand Henry L. Ward, of Oriental Lodge, Grand Guardian, and Past Grand M. L. Douglass, of Falling Creek Lodge, Grand Conductor, when they were installed into their respective offices.

Past Grand J. B. Webb, of Tuscarora Lodge, appeared and took his seat in the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand representative J. N. Washington offered the following:

Resolved, That the communications of this Grand Lodge shall hereafter commence on the Tuesday after the fourth Monday of May in each and every year.

The resolution will be brought up for action at the next session of this grand body.

The committee on petitions submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

The committee on petitions, to whom was referred the application for certificates of membership from certain members of Covenant Lodge, No. 17, now defunct, respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be required to transmit to the applicants such certificates as they are entitled to by law.

Fraternally submitted.

R. A. CALDWELL,
R. F. SIMONTON, } *Committee.*
C. LUTTERLOH,

The report of the committee was adopted.

Grand Representative Steele submitted the following paper.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I hereby tender my resignation as one of the representatives of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

WALTER L. STEELE.

P. G. Master T. H. Hardenbergh moved that the resignation be not accepted. The question was put when the resolution of P. G. M. Hardenbergh prevailed, and the resignation was not accepted.

Representative B. B. Lawrence asked leave of absence from and after to-day, which was granted.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh and

representative J. B. Webb to fill the vacancies caused by absence or otherwise in the committee on the state of the Order.

Rep. E. J. Erwin offered the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge reconsider the Resolution charging Subordinate Lodges for the Journal of Printed Proceedings.

The Grand Master declared the Resolution out of order.

Past Grand Master T. H. Hardenbergh moved to rescind the resolution requiring subordinate Lodges to pay for one copy of printed proceedings, which motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master T. H. Hardenbergh then offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That one copy of the uniform edition of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be presented to each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, and one copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States.

On motion of representative W. L. Terry, of Brown Creek Lodge, the Grand Lodge adjourned to eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, May 12th, 11 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment, M. W. G. Master W. L. Steele in the Chair.

Prayer by Past Grand Rev. A. Paul Repiton.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report: That they have examined the certificate of service of Past Grand Thomas J. Blakely, of Tuscarora Lodge, No. 22. They find the certificate correct, with the exception of the seal of the Lodge; but they have been assured by the Secretary of said Lodge, who is also a member of this Body, that the facts set forth in said Certificate are correct. Your Committee therefore submit the appended resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NEWBY,
R. SHAW,
W. H. CLARK.

Resolved, That Past Grand Thomas J. Blakely be admitted and qualified to membership in this Body, and that he receive such P. O. Degrees as he may be entitled to.

The Report of the Committee and appended Resolution were received, and P. Grand T. J. Blakely introduced and duly acknowledged a member of this Body.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws made their report as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges beg leave to report: That they have had before them the Constitution and By-Laws of Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, in which they find that Art. 3, Sec. 4, as to vacancies, conflicts with Art. 3, Sec. 20, page 49 Digest.

Art. 12, Sec. 2, conflicts with Art. 23 General Laws, as said Section of Art. 12, does not allow any benefits, in case of sickness, to a brother joining by Card, unless he has attained the Scarlet Degree.

Your Committee also have the By-Laws of Enterprise Lodge, No. 14, before them, and find Art. 5, Sec. 1, as to vacancies, conflicts with Art. 3, Sec. 20, page 49 Digest.

Art. 26, Sec. 1—Brother cannot be tried in his absence; can be expelled for contempt, Art. 3, Sec. 25, page 50 Digest.

There has been no other business come before your Committee, and they recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, and Enterprise Lodge, No. 41, be amended according to this Report.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. SACKETT,
T. BURR, Jr.
B. B. LAWRENCE.

Representative J. B. Lucas offered the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to keep a book, in which the Representatives of Subordinate Lodges and members of the Grand Lodge shall inscribe their names, places of residence, ages and occupations.

Past Grand Master J. B. Newby moved to amend by striking out age.

Representative R. A. Caldwell moved to amend the amendment by striking out occupations.

The question being taken upon the amendment to the amendment, it was lost. The question was next taken upon the amendment, which was carried. When the Resolution was adopted, as amended.

On motion of Past Grand T. M. Sackett, leave of absence, after one o'clock, this day, was granted Representative W. L. Hargrave.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments :

Appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters.

Roanoke District,	Past Grand R. K. Speed.
Newbern "	" G. H. Brown.
Wilmington "	D.G. Master W. S. G. Andrews.
Mecklenburg "	Past Grand E. J. Erwin.
Raleigh "	" Robert C. Donnell.

Appointment of Installing Officers.

Cape Fear Lodge,	No.	2	Past Grand	W. C. Howard.
Washington	"	3	"	R. H. Worthington.
Cross Creek	"	4	"	J. B. Newby.
Thaddeus	"	5	"	G. W. Atkins.
Neuse	"	6	"	W. S. G. Andrews.
Eureka	"	7	"	John Crukman, Jr.
Manteo	"	8	"	Seaton Gales.
Meck. Declar'n	"	9	"	John Rigler.
Phalanx	"	10	"	Geo. H. Brown.
Concordia	"	11	"	B. L. Perry.
Achoree	"	14	"	W. F. Martin.
Winchester	"	16	"	B. B. Lawrence.
Smyrna	"	18	"	D. W. Whitehurst.
Mountain	"	19	"	Alex. Ramsour.
Muchuena	"	20	"	H. G. Goodloe.
Buena Vista	"	21	"	Robt. C. Donnell.
Tuscarora	"	22	"	G. W. Venters.
Oriental	"	24	"	H. L. Ward.
Piedmont	"	25	"	C. M. Avery.
North State	"	26		Grand Warden.
Columbus	"	27	"	J. H. Summersett.
Esperanza	"	28	"	E. J. Johnson.
Falling Creek	"	29		Grand Conductor.
Yadkin	"	30	"	A. C. Wharton.
Samaritan	"	31	"	Jos. B. Lucas.
Caswell	"	32	"	W. H. Childs.
Occidental	"	33	"	O. B. Savage.
Contentnea	"	34	"	W. C. Blount.
Howard	"	35	"	Thos. Williams.
Salem	"	36	"	A. T. Zevely.
Olive Branch	"	37	"	W. H. Watson.
Constantia	"	38	"	W. L. Hargrave.
Pe Dee	"	39	"	N. D. Boggan.
Catawba	"	40	"	W. P. Reinhardt.
Excelsior	"	41	"	R. S. Simonton.
Lumber River	"	42	"	Eli Wishart.
Brown Creek	"	43	"	W. L. Terry.
Enterprise	"	44	"	Pomeroy Clark.
Clarendon	"	45	"	S. D. Wallace.
Farmington	"	46		Noble Grand.
Friendship	"	47		Noble Grand.

Representative R. A. Caldwell offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed whose duty it shall be to assist the Grand Secretary in preparing and publishing the proceedings of the present Session of this Grand Body.

The resolution was adopted, and P. G. Rep. T. Burr, Jr.; P. Grands W. L. Smith and W. C. Howard, were appointed said Committee.

The Committee on Lodges not represented, made the following Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES NOT REPRESENTED.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of North Carolina:

The Committee on Lodges not represented, beg leave to report: That the following Lodges are not represented, viz.

Washington Lodge,	No.	3	Tryon Lodge	No.	23
Thaddeus	"	5	Yadkin "		30
Manteo	"	8	Caswell "		32
Trent	"	12	Occidental Lodge		33
Franklin	"	13	Contentnea "		34
Covenant	"	17	Catawba "		40

The following Lodges are represented, but their Representatives have no Certificate of service, viz.

Cross Creek Lodge,	No.	4	Samaritan Lodge,	No.	31
Neuse	"	6	Excelsior "		41
Eureka	"	7	Lumber River "		42

Brown Creek Lodge, No. 43, is represented; but the Certificate of the Representative is without a seal.

Farmington Lodge, No. 46, is represented by proxy.

Your Committee believing that it is desirable that each Subordinate Lodge should be represented in our Annual Conventions, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution as a means of securing, in some good degree, the attainment of that object. We have good reasons to believe that in some of the cases, where Lodges are not represented on this occasion, the delinquency proceeds from no *real indifference* to the interests or welfare of the Order, or from any neglect, in the discharge of duty, by the Subordinates, in failing to appoint its Representative; but that the Representative is prevented, beyond his expressed intentions and expectations, from attending. Whereas, had a similar law existed, as is now recommended by your Committee, a larger number of Lodges would have been represented.

Resolved. That each Subordinate Lodge shall, at the time of the election of its Representative to this Grand Lodge, *elect also an alternate*, to be chosen from the Past Grands of said Lodge, to act, *only* in the absence or inability of the Representative to attend; and to be entitled to all the immunities and privileges, of said representative, in this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WOODLEY,
A. J. VEAL,
WM. L. TERRY.

The Report of the Committee, and accompanying Resolution, were adopted.

On motion of Representative E. J. Johnson, leave of absence, from and after 2 o'clock, this day, was granted Grand Representative E. W. Jones.

Past Grand J. E. Morris offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter no Representative to this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive more than half pay who leaves before the close of the Annual Communication.

Past Grand T. M. Sackett moved the following amendment.

Resolved, That from and after this Session, that no Representative shall be entitled to receive pay for his attendance at the meetings of this Grand Lodge whenever such Representative shall leave this Body before its adjournment. Provided, always, that sickness of himself or family, or death of any member of his family shall be a good and sufficient excuse for said Representative leaving.

Representative Goodloe moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which motion prevailed.

Representative R. A. Caldwell offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed at the last regular meeting of this Lodge, to prepare Rules of Order for the government of this Grand Body, be continued; and that they be allowed until the next Annual Communication to make their Report.

Committee—Past Grands J. N. Washington, J. Disosway, and J. Cicero Justice.

Past Grand J. E. Morris offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That at the commencement of each Grand Lodge it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master to appoint an assistant Secretary, to act during the Session, said Assistant to be allowed two dollars per day.

On motion of Past Grand T. M. Sackett, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

May 12th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment, the M. W. Grand Master in the Chair.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances to whom was referred the Communication of Past Grand W. R. Musgrave, are of opinion that the complaints therein made, are not regularly before this Grand Body, and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Past Grand W. R. Musgrave be informed that Neuse Lodge, of which he is a member, is the Body to which he must apply for redress in the matter complained of.

Fraternally submitted,

S. D. WALLACE,
JOHN HUTCHINSON,
WILL LOFTIN HARGRAVE.

The Report being read, the Grand Master decided that Neuse Lodge is the sole judge in regard to the course to be pursued; which decision was sustained.

The Committee on Finance made a Report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have had submitted to them an account in favour of E. J. Gibbs, for Grand Officer's Regalia, amounting to $167,75, purchased on six months time, from which a deduction of $10 is proposed to be made, if paid now. Your Committee recommend that the said account be paid, provided a sufficient amount of funds, to do so, shall remain on hand after the payment of the expenses of this Grand Lodge.

We have also had referred to us so much of the Grand Secretary's Report as relates to Occidental Lodge, and we recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to write to Occidental Lodge, requiring them to make Returns for the Term ending 31st December, 1852.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
E. J. ERWIN,
J. E. MORRIS.

The Report of the Committee was adopted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and General Laws reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL LAWS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to revise the Constitution and General Laws of this Body, beg leave to report: That they have had the subject under consideration; but, as the Grand Lodge of the United States has appointed a Select Committee to revise the Laws of that Body, your Committee did not think they could properly discharge the duty confided to them so long as so many various amendments were pending in the higher jurisdiction, and which might materially affect the vital principles of the Order.

While your Committee do not desire to shrink from the performance of any duty, they nevertheless desire that they may be excused from discharging the duty imposed, until they can do so compatible with the true interests of the Order; or, that a new and more competent Committee may be appointed.

Fraternally submitted,

J. WINSLOW,
J. B. NEWBY,
T. M. SACKETT.

The Report of the Committee was adopted.

On motion of Deputy Grand Master W. S. G. Andrews, the Committee was continued, to report at the next Session.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances made the following Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred Past Grand Thomas Woodley's Resolution in regard to the Grand Secretary's corresponding with the Committee on Past Grand Secretary W. D. Cook's books; and the Resolution of Representative Donnell in regard to crediting Buena Vista Lodge with $18, beg leave to recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. WALLACE,
JOHN HUTCHINSON,
WILL LOFTIN HARGRAVE.

The question was then taken, when the Resolution of Representative Donnell was lost, and the report of the Committee, with the Resolution of Past Grand Thomas Woodley, were adopted.

Representative William Robinson offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to furnish Neuse Lodge with a copy of brother Wm. R. Musgrave's letter to this Grand Lodge, seeking redress for alledged grievances.

The following Comunication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States was read before this Body.

I. O. O. F.
Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

To A. PAUL REPITON, Esq., R. W. G. Sec. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Dear Sir and Brother—In conformity to the directions contained in the last of the subjoined Resolutions, I herewith transmit the same through you to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, Corresponding Secretary.

At the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I.O.O.F., begun and held at the city of Baltimore on the 20th day of September, 1852, the following among other proceedings were had:

Resolved, That a committee of five be raised, by election, to whom shall be referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to report such amendments thereto as they shall deem to be required by the Order.

Resolved, That the said committee have leave to sit during the recess, provided such session shall not exceed one week, and the same compensation shall be allowed per diem to the members of the committee as is now allowed to Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to present their report on the first day of the next communication, with power to have two hundred copies of the same printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the report of the said committee do lie upon the table during the communication of 1853, and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1854.

Resolved, That a copy of the Resolutions offered by Representative De-Saussure, of S. C., be forwarded to the State Grand Bodies at as early a day as possible after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, and that they be requested to submit to this R. W. Body, at its next session, through their Representatives, such amendments or suggestions in reference to the constitution of this Grand Lodge as in their judgement may be necessary to accomplish the object in view.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for the use of their Hall during our present Session. To the citizens generally for the hospitality extended to us; and to the officers of the W. and R. Railroad, and the W. and M. Railroad, for the offer of free return tickets to such members of this Body as may avail themselves of such privileges.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Wm. Robinson offered the following:

Resolved, That our Worthy Grand Secretary and Worthy Grand Treasurer be requested to make good any deficiency that may be due by this Grand Body, and that the faith of the Grand Lodge is hereby pledged to the said brethren to make good the same.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have examined the following accounts, and recommend that they be paid:

Account of A. P. Repiton, Grand Secretary's salary, -	$250 00
" Postage and expense of freight, - - -	18 77
Printing notice for Session Grand Lodge, 1853, - -	1 25
Stamping two quires paper, with seals, for Grand Lodge, -	1 75
Stationary during the year, - - - - - - - -	2 00
	$273 77
Account in favour of James Young, for printing 50 charters,	11 00
" G. Warden P. Thurston, expenses to and from G. Lodge,	41 00
" Representative A. T. Zevely, - - - - - -	38 00
" " R. F. Simonton, - - - - - -	62 00
" " W. W. Rumly, - - - - - -	33 00
" " John W. Morgan, - - - - - -	33 00
" " D. R. Cabaniss, - - - - - -	63 00
" " John Hutchinson, - - - - - -	22 50
" Warren Winslow, G. M. - - - - - -	7 50
" E. J. Hale, printing, - - - - - - -	1 50
" Representative R. Shaw, - - - - - -	41 50
" " B. B. Lawrence, - - - - - -	10 25
" " C. Lutterloh, - - - - - -	16 00

Account Representative W. McNeill,		12 00
" " A. J. Veal,		31 50
" " Alex. Ramsour,		53 00
" " W. H. Clark,		31 75
" " J. H. Hardenburgh,		23 50
" " E. J. Johnson,		35 00
" E. W. Jones, D. G. Master,		27 50
" Representative J. B. Lucas,		20 00
" " W. L. Terry,		27 50
" " C. Haynes,		6 50
" " E. J. Erwin,		69 00
" " C. Donnell,		36 00
" " J. A. Wierman,		48 00
" " H. G. Goodloe,		19 00
" T. M. Gardner, G.T., printing Grand Treasurer's report,		8 63
" Representative W. L. Steele, Grand Representative,		22 75
" " M. L. Douglas, G. C.		22 75
" " T. Woodley,		15 00
" " R. A. Caldwell,		25 00
" Grand " J. B. Newby,		16 00
" " W. H. Watson,		13 50
" " H. L. Ward,		29 25
" Grand Guardian R. W. King,		15 00
" Representative P. Clark,		9 75
" " Wm. Robinson,		8 00
		$1,279 90

All which is Fraternally submitted,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
E. J. ERWIN,
J. E. MORRIS.

On motion of Past Grand Representative J. N. Washington, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Wilmington, N. C., on the 2nd Monday of May, 1854.

Prayer by P. G. Representative A. Paul Repiton.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Grand Secretary.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OFFICERS

FROM MAY, 1853, TO MAY, 1854.

Most Worthy Grand Master.

WALTER LEAKE STEELE, Rockingham.

Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.

W. S. G. ANDREWS, - - Goldsboro.

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Revd. A. PAUL REPITON, - Wilmington.

Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

THOMAS M. GARDNER, - Wilmington.

Right Worthy Grand Warden.

J. B. WIERMAN, - - - Salisbury.

Right Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Rev. HAYNES LENNON, Big Swamp, Columbus Co.

Right Worthy Grand Representatives to Grand Lodge United States.

WALTER LEAKE STEELE, Rockingham.

E. W. JONES. - - - Plymouth.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Wilmington District,	-	D. G. M., W. S. G. Andrews.
Raleigh "	-	P. Grand Robt. C. Donnell.
Mecklenburg "	-	P. Grand E. J. Ervin.
Newburn "	-	P. Grand G. H. Brown.
Roanoke, "	-	P. Grand R. K. Speed.

INSTALLING OFFICERS.

Cape Fear Lodge,	No.	2	Past Grand W. C. Howard.
Washington	"	3	" R. H. Worthington.
Cross Creek	"	4	" J. B. Newby.
Thaddeus	"	5	" G. W. Atkins.
Neuse	"	6	" W. S. G. Andrews.
Eureka	"	7	" John Crukman, Jr.
Manteo	"	8	" Seaton Gales.
Meck. Declar'n	"	9	" John Rigler.
Phalanx	"	10	" Geo. H. Brown.
Concordia	"	11	" B. L. Perry.
Achoree	"	14	" W. F. Martin.
Winchester	"	16	" B. B. Lawrence.
Smyrna	"	18	" D. W. Whitehurst.
Mountain	"	19	" Alex. Ramsour.
Muchuena	"	20	" H. G. Goodloe.
Buena Vista	"	21	" Robt. C. Donnell.
Tuscarora	"	22	" G. W. Venters.
Oriental	"	24	" H. L. Ward.
Piedmont	"	25	" C. M. Avery.
North State	"	26	Grand Warden.
Columbus	"	27	" J. H. Summersett.
Esperanza	"	28	" E. J. Johnson.
Falling Creek	"	29	Grand Conductor.
Yadkin	"	30	" A. C. Wharton.
Samaritan	"	31	" Jos. B. Lucas.
Caswell	"	32	" W. H. Childs.
Occidental	"	33	" O. B. Savage.
Contentnea	"	34	" W. C. Blount.
Howard	"	35	" Thos. Williams.
Salem	"	36	" A. T. Zevely.
Olive Branch	"	37	" W. H. Watson.
Constantia	"	38	" W. L. Hargrave.
Pe Dee	"	39	" N. D. Boggan.
Catawba	"	40	" W. P. Reinhardt.
Excelsior	"	41	" R. S. Simonton.
Lumber River	"	42	" Eli Wishart.
Brown Creek	"	43	" W. L. Terry.
Enterprise	"	44	" Pomeroy Clark.
Clarendon	"	45	" S. D. Wallace.
Farmington	"	46	Noble Grand.
Friendship	"	47	Noble Grand.

RELIEF REPORT, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1852.

Number.	Lodges.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for burying the Dead.	Amount paid for Education of Orphans.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	Total.
2	Cape Fear,	12	0	1	$102 00	$20 00	$22 75	$	$144 75
3	Washington,	0	0	0					
4	Cross Creek,	1	0	0	3 00				3 00
5	Thaddeus,	0	0	0					
6	Neuse,	0	0	0					
7	Eureka,	0	1	0				40 00	40 00
8	Manteo,	2	0	1	30 00	29 00	63 00		122 00
9	Mec. Declar'n.	[illegible]	0	0	38 00				38 00
10	Phalanx,	[illegible]	5	0	16 00		13 75	86 00	110 75
11	Concordia,	1	0	0	10 00				10 00
14	Achoree,	10	1	0	96 00			100 00	196 00
16	Winchester,	1	1	1	6 00			25 00	31 00
18	Smyrna,	0	2	0				6 00	6 00
19	Mountain,	2	0	0	27 00				27 00
20	Muchuena,	0	0	0		15 00			15 00
21	Buena Vista,	2	0	0	30 00	30 00			60 00
22	Tuscarora,	1	1	0	12 00			4 00	16 00
24	Oriental,	1	0	0	3 00				3 00
25	Piedmont,	0	0	0					
26	North State,	3	0	0	9 00				9 00
27	Columbus,	[illegible]	0	0	36 00				36 00
28	Esperanza,	11	0	0	54 00				54 00
29	Falling Creek,	0	0	0					
30	Yadkin,	1	0	0	15 00				15 00
31	Samaritan,	7	0	0	44 00	15 00			59 00
32	Caswell,	0	0	0					
34	Contentnea,	0	0	0					
35	Howard,	0	0	0					
36	Salem,	4	0	0	65 00				65 00
37	Olive Branch,	0	0	0					
38	Constancia,	0	0	0					
39	Pee Dee,	0	1	1		30 00		30 00	60 00
40	Catawba,	0	0	0					
41	Excelsior,	2	0	0	30 00				30 00
42	Lumber River	0	1	0					
43	Brown Creek,	0	0	1		30 00			30 00
44	Enterprise,	0	0	0					
45	Clarendon,	0	0	1		38 00			38 00
		72	13	6	636 00	207 00	99 50	185 00	1,210 50

LIST OF CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

Belonging to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, to December 31st, 1852.

CAPE FEAR LODGE, No. 2.

PAST GRANDS.

John Campbell
Rev A Paul Repiton
John McRae, Sen.
J D Gardner
Thos H Howey
Horace Burr
Rev B L Haskins
Timothy L Guess
S R Thomas
Bradford Sherman
Wm C Howard
Jos McLaurin
Thomas M Gardner
Wm L Smith
Geo H Kelly
A T McCollum
Wm S Anderson
Max Huston
Eli W Hall

SCARLET DEGREE.

Adkins, Edw N
Bowden, Jesse
Brown, George
Baker, Henry
Bates, Benj G
Barnum, J M
Burkheimer, Henry
Curtiss, Geo T
Crone, John
Cotton, Thos J
Conoley, John J
Coney, J R
Dunham, John S
Dunham, S W
Fennell, Owen
Falon, Patrick
Drane, Richard H
Fulton, James
Grant, R H
Garrison, James
Gilbert, Henry D
Gill, Robertson
Gause, Saml P
Hart, Levi A
Hartsfield, A A
Haines, Henry S
Hathaway, Jas L
Hyde, Wm E
Hoffman, Seligman
Jones, David
Jones, Wm B
Jones, Richard J
Jacobs, W L
Keene, Jos L
Kilkelly, W G
Kea, James E
Lamont, D A
Lees, Jonathan
Lutterlow, E J
Lawton, Joseph
Latta, John C
McKellar, Hectar
Melvin, Jas S
McCollum, Jas J
Myers, Cornelius
Meginney, L
Mulock, Jesse
McKennan, A. J
Neff, William
Nixon, N N
Perrin, Henry R
Packard, Cyrus
Rothwell, A B
Russell, Jos B
Simpson, Richard
Sutton, Wm
Sherwood, A
Tollman, Job
Turrentine, Rev M C
Townsend, W L S
Walker, W A
Williams, Wm A
Wilson, Wm
Wheat, L C
Yopp, W J

THIRD OR ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Bowden, John C
Brown, John B
Daskam, W F
Marks, Wm

SECOND OR COVENANT DEGREE.

Bailey, Wm
Berry, Saml
Burch, Wm F
Brown, Thos O
Bowers, John E
Burbank, D Lyman
Craig, John
Crockett, Thos M
Gadsby, George
Harriss, Wm M
Mindel, A
Morehouse, Geo N
Matthews, Wm
Newell, W T
Polley, Hiram
Pettaway, Jas T
Rankin, Robt G
Sikes, Theodore
Shaw, John

FIRST OR WHITE DEGREE.

Cooney, C J	McMillan, Francis A	Price, W W
Hudson, Thos J		

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Auders, Jas W	Gaffora, John	Smaw, Francis D
Bowden, L H	Hall, Edward D	Utley, W R
Cazaux, A D	Meredith, James	Wilson, John S
Craft, Thomas C	Plunkett, John	Webb, Louis H

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 3.

PAST GRANDS.

R H Worthington	H G Truder	B A Spiers
R S Parker	J W Hill	R R Parker
L T Spiers	T J Deans	H A Moore

SCARLET DEGREE.

John Zealey	Daniel Valentine	M Brewer
S D Williams	John P Bridger	
P S Williams	Alexander Britt	

THIRD OR ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

G M Parker P Copes

SECOND OR COVENANT DEGREE.

J Barnes	J R Bryant	J S Mongee
J E Dukes	W H Adkins	

CROSS CREEK LODGE, No. 4.

PAST GRANDS.

J B Newby	Henry Lilly	Thomas M Sackett
John Winslow	James G Cook	Henry B Sedberry
A McLean	W T Frizell	John Smith
Warren Winslow	A A McKethan	Wm A Rose
A A T Smith	George Lauder	
Jno Shaw	Charles Lutterloh	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Arey, S S	Lawrence, Geo W	Nixon, Charles D
Brown, A S	Lumm, J	Sedberry, J S
Frizell, W W	McDaniel, Rev Jas	Stedman, John M
Greentree, M	McDonald, John S	Smith, James G
Giersh, A E	McLaurin, John	White, Oliver
Graham, Sr. Hugh	McNeill, Duncan	
Houston, Owen	McRae, Daniel	

REMEMBRANCE DEGREE.

Lea, George I

THIRD OR ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Maultsby, David S	Morrison, Malcomb	Shaw, Roderick
Maultsby, John S	Nicholson, John A	
Matthews. J M	Wandling, J M	

SECOND OR COVENANT DEGREE.

Beasley, John M	Jordan, Noah	Tomlinson, Wm H
Burwell, Henry W	Lee, James R	Turner James M
Dodd, Israel	McPherson, Alex	Warden, Jesse T
Haslup, Lloyd J	Smith, Neill	

FIRST OR WHITE DEGREE.

Dobbin, James C	Moore, Wiley F

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Banks, James	McDonald, James R
Hobbs, Edward S	Williams, John D

THADDEUS LODGE, No. 5.

PAST GRANDS.

J D Love	Alfred Johnson	J C Carroll
O L Fillyaw	G W Atkins	J H Roberts
L C Hubbard	P J Holland	Isaac Boykin
A B Chesnutt	J M Mosely	Josiah Johnson

SCARLETT DEGREE.

Carroll, D D	McKay, W H	Stevens, C H
Carr, Lewis F	Parker, W J	Stevens, C T
Culbreth, Love	Pugh, T L	Stevens, J H
Draughon, W C	Pugh, W E	Underwood, W L
McKay, A E	Russell, William	

NEUSE LODGE, No. 6.

PAST GRANDS.

S D Phillips	Wm M Puryear	Daniel Cogdell
C J Nelson	John B Griswold	F H Hooks
W S G Andrews	John W Davis	Wm Robinson
John Taylor	John W Ezzell	

MEMBERS.

Matthew Albritton	Simon Gay	N B Stanly, N Grand
John E Becton	James M Gardner	John Toler
Wm F Brown	Thos T Hollowell	Wm Taylor
John J Bradbury	Geo C Jones	Abraham Vann
Wm E Bogart	Adams Langston	Silas Webb
Stephen Cogdell	Harley Minor	James H Everitt
John C Carraway	F Odenhiemer	Lawrence Peacock
James R Dukes	F C Patrick	Wm Hollowell
R J Gregory	S D Pritchett	Elisha Pipkin
B J Griswold	John D Person	

EUREKA LODGE, No. 7.

PAST GRANDS.

Israel Disosway	Alex C Blount	Lucas B Herritage
James C Justice	John N Washington	John Crukman, Jr.

John Charlott	William Hay	Daniel W Goslee
John M Oliver	John Hutchinson	
Robert W Choate	James E Morris	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Samuel Bishop	Thomas S Howard	Joseph J Robinson
J M C Breaker	Ellsworth Hanks	D H Smith
J D Beal	Ephriam Hackburn	D D Surmands
John C Coart	William H Harvey	George W Taylor
Benj M Cook	John F Jones	John Davis
Emmet Cuthbert	James Jones	Charles G Fields
S W Chadwick	John R Justice	Samuel G Fairchild
David W Dudley	William Jones	Alexander Justice
Willis Dewey	Wm P Moore	John B Lewis
Walter Duffy	Alexander Miller	Seth W Latham
John F Hanff	Mathew Mathews	John Rumley
John W Hancock	Wm H Mayhew	Wm H Washington
John D Horiblow	Lewis Phelps	James L Wallace
Ossian Hanks	Walter Powers	

THIRD OR ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Jacob Blount	Wm Robinson

SECOND OR COVENANT DEGREE.

Wm P Pelletier	Henry E Wolfe	George J Ward

INITIATORY DEGREE.

John H Alden	John A Gray	George Street
Joseph M Brown	Joseph Hackburn	Richard G Wynn
James W Bright	Franklin Hoell	Lewis Hicht
Elisha Colbert	Henry J Lovick	
Thomas Green	C R Parker	

MANTEO LODGE, No. 8.

PAST GRANDS.

E Yarbrough, Sr.	W D Haywood	Thos W Dewey
W D Cooke	Isaac Proctor	Henry Porter
W H McKee	P F Pescud	W H H Tucker
Perrin Pusbee	Wm R Scott	
John H Manly	J J Litchford	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Allen, D W	Haywood, R W	Royster, jr. Daniel
Bledsoe, M A	Hinton, Daniel	Rogers, Simon H
Burch, O L	Hawkins, Geo W	Smith, H Sidney
Brown, H J	Heflin, Rev R T	Vass, W W
Cooke, Geo T	Jones, W H	Woltering, Jos
Clarke, H J	Jordan, J F	Williams, John R
Deems, Rev C F	Johnson, J W	Williams, John G
Finch, R P	Mial, A T	Yarbrough, jr. Edw
Gray, Robt	Manley, L C	Gould, Geo L
Gorman, A M	McRae, D K	Pepper, W R

Gales, Seaton	Root, C B	
Holden, W W	Royster, Jas D	

THIRD OR ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.

Joyner, Rev P H

SECOND OR COVENANT EEGREE.

Kincey, John H	King, F W	Lovejoy, J M

FIRST OR WHITE DEGREE.

Dodd, James	Young, Saml H
Ruffin, Saml	Utley, John R

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Allen, L J	Hutchings, J W	Utley, Quintin
Busbee, Quintin	Johnson, Albert	Whitaker, Saml M
Bron, Wm M	Miller, Henry W	Williams, W M
Carmichael, L	Mordecai, Jacob	Williams, P P
Ferrell, J J	Powell, Caswell	White, W W
Griffin, W J	Smith, Bourbon	White, jr. Wm
Harrison, W H	Pace, James	Williams, Clinton H

MECKLENBERG DECLARATION LODGE, No. 9.

PAST GRANDS.

Joshua Trotter	Thos Trotter	E C Davison
Alex Bethune	John Rigler	E H Andrews
J A Young	R M Robinson	S J Lowrie
M B Taylor	Robert Shaw	

SCARLET DEGREE.

A R Briard	J M Davidson	H R Massey
R C Bell	B H Davison	Z A Moss
R M Alexander	W H Deshony	F M Ross
C T Alexander	C J Fox	J Rudisell
J W Blair	A M Gillispie	T T Sandifer
R Barringer	John Harty	A G Stacey
S E Belk	W S Harris	D D Taylor
B G Blackwood	E R Harris	S C Taylor
H H Bolten	J W Harrington	Wm Teddy
J S Berryhill	H H Holmes	John A Hill
J J Berryhill	G S Houston	F S Weddington
Alex Berryhill	A Hill	S T Wristen
Wm Berryhill	Wm J Kerr	M L Wristen
D H Byerly	W M Lovance	R P Waring
R C Carson	D Sedwell	J Wearen
R W Beckwith	J M Mead	
W F Davidson	R W Moore	

SECOND OR COVENANT DEGREE.

Wm M Butler	Wm Stevenson	

FIRST OR WHITE DEGREE.

James Craig	R McFutine	George Spencer
H S Miller	H M Pritchard	R M Alexander

PHALANX LODGE, No. 10.

PAST GRANDS.

B J Hanks	R L Myers	Wm B Myers
O W Telfair	J H Tyler	J R Carmer
Geo H Brown	J B Williams	Seth K Cordon
T H Hardenbergh	Norton W Cook	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Allen, Henry P	Hyatt, Lockwood	Reid, Danl
Blount, R H J	Hodges, Henry	Redding, J W
Biggs, Wm G	Harvey, H L	Righton, S A W
Crabtree, L D	Hancock, H F	Simmons, J W
Craig, Archabald	Jones, Justin E	Small, J H
Cordon, Wm S	Jollie, H G	Simmons, James
Caila, J M	Lenier, Wm A	Smith, Lemuel H
Carrow, Saml T	Moore, W C	Stubbs, Jesse R
Campbell, Wm B	Morton, W Z	Satterthwaite, J W
Davis, Jesse H	McWilliams, J S	Swindle, Joell
Doughty, John J	McGowan, John	Stevenson, M
Dill, David H	Moore, Edmond	Tripp, Joseph
Dimock, Henry	Moore, John E	Tyler, John
Dixon, Geo R	Meyer, Charles G	Turner, George
Ernall, Aaron W	Norcom, John	Tier, Joseph S
Ellison, Henry A	Nadal, Anthony	Tuten, Thomas
Fitchett, Thos	Pairtree, Jas	Whorten, Danl B
Fowler, Stephen	Potts, Wm A	Warren, Edward J
Fowle, James L	Ross, John B	Wolfenden, John
Gaskill, W A	Robbins, Jas	Willard, A A
Gordon, Geo W	Rea, Richard T	

FOURTH DEGREE.

Josephus Daniels

THIRD DEGREE.

John Carmault

SECOND DEGREE.

Baumar, Abraham	Robinson, Charles	Tompkins, J F
Carrow, Henry	Rue, Frederick	Toland, Hugh A
Jordon, David	Stratton, Rev Jas	Wallace, Josephus
Potts, Joseph	Stelly, Wm	

FIRST DEGREE.

Gautier, Benj	Page, James	Satterthwaite, E D

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Brinn, Joshua H	Rue, Oscar
Granger, Richard	Satterthwaite, A W

CONCORDIA LODGE, No. 11.

PAST GRANDS.

John W Morgan	Horatio H Willis	Josiah F Bell
Benj L Perry	David H Morse	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Bell, D H L
Bell, Sr. W F
Bell, John W
Canady, Richard
Chadwick, Barney
Chadwick, R W
Cramer, Wm
Delamar, C F
Dill, George
Duncan, Thomas
Davis, Alex C
Fuller, Wm J
Gibble, James E
Howland, James E
Howland, Samuel L
Longest, James
Longest, Brian
Nelson, S J L W
Phelps, Mathías C
Phyre, Wm B
Thomas, John P
Willis, Stephen F
Wahob, Job

THIRD DEGREE.

Morse, George H

SECOND DEGREE.

Ward, James

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Oglesby, Levi T

ACHOREE LODGE, No. 14.

PAST GRANDS.

J C B Ehringhaus
Geo J Musgrave
Wm F Martin
Wm H Clark
John Pool
James C Scott
James W Hinton
John M Mathews
R K Speed
Wm E Mann

SCARLET DEGREE.

Burgess, William W
Butt, Wm H
Bland, Thomas R
Burcher, A H
Cross, Wm G
Cooper, John A
Cu an, A H
Davis, Wm C
Davis, Sylvenus
Fearing, John B
Forbes, Edward W
Glover, A J
Gray, Thornton
Gregory, Wm J
Harny, Wm A
Hynes, Hamon S
Jones, A L
Lawrence, Joseph
Mathews, Wm P
Melson, John A
Morris, Nathan
Nash, Thomas S
Nash, Elisha
Newbold, Wm
Owens, Daniel
Perdy, Alverrie
Poiner, George
Pritchard, David
Saunders, Edw W
Simmons, Joseph
Sanderlin, Caleb
Saunders, L K
Simmons, Dennis
Sanderlin, Lemuel
Stamm, Abram
Simmons, Josiah
Shannon, Thomas J
Tuttle, John M
White, Robinson
Williams, Peter C
Wilder, George M
Waugh, John S
Williams, Elihue

THIRD DEGREE.

Burnham, Benj
Burnham, Isaac
Roughton, Zackera
Taylor, J A
White, Albert

SECOND DEGREE.

Broughton, Levia D
Cudworth, John H
Jones, Joseph S
Miller, Benjamin
Tatam, Wm

FIRST DEGREE.

Banks, Ambrose
Butt, Samuel W
Boutwell, Wm R
Crank, Caleb
Newman, Richard G
Overton, Maxcy
King, John B

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Bell, Geo W	Davis, Joshua	Powell, Leroy M
Ballance, Levia	Kellenger, Wm J	Rodgers, James
Carson, Wm R	McPherson, Noah	

WINCHESTER LODGE, No. 16.

PAST GRANDS.

B B Lawrence	Jesse Bullock	T H Griffin
E H Stephens	W L Qualls	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Barnes, J J	Foster, P G	Ruffin, W H
Battle, J P	Gay, Wm	Saunders, J W
Boddie, J S	Harper, Wm	Spicer, W E
Bradley, H T	Hines, W H	Wilkins, T M
Braswell, J J	Mercer, W F	Whitehead, A J M
Braswell, B G	Parker, F M	Wilkinson, C G
Fort, J G	Ricks, Robt	

SMYRNA LODGE, No. 18.

PAST GRANDS.

Samuel E Davis	M J Davis	Whitington Davis
Brian Hellen	Jesse H Davis	Calvin J Davis
D W Whitehurst	Wm W Rumley	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Chadwick, Jacob	Lewis, Wm J	Styron, John W
Cooper, Allen L	Piner, James M	Styron, Lorenzo W
Davis, Abram B	Piver, Wilson F	Willis, John T
English, Wm	Roberts, Denard R	Willis, Ephraim F
Lupton, Morris J	Roberts, John B	

SECOND DEGREE.

Willis, Cicero S

FIRST DEGREE.

Davis, Martin V B	Lupton, John J	Willis, Daniel C
Davis, Josiah	Willis, George W	

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Lupton, Joseph J	Willis, Oscar F	

MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 19.

PAST GRANDS.

Jasper Stowe	Alex Ramsour	Hiram W Abernethy
William Lander	Wm J Hoke	
William H Michal	Wm R Edwards	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Anthony, John P	Fulton, J B	Ramsour, E F
Asbury, Rev Henry	Jetton, John A	Ramsour, Jacob A
Alexander, W H	Johnson, Benjamin S	Rose, Wm E
Bobo, Charles D	Jetton, B M	Stowe, S N

Blackburn, Ephraim
Butt, Zephania
Butler, Rev Thornton
Brevard, Ephraim
Beam, James O
Compton, Wm P
Cornwell, James
Duvant, Rev M H
Edwards, Eprhaim S
Easterlin, Rev W M
Johnston, James
Jacobs, Daniel M
Little, Rev L M
Martin, Moses
Newson, Joseph M
Oates, James H
Ramsour, Alfred A
Ramsour, Wm
Reinhardt, W M
Roseman, Andrew
Smith, Richard B
Smith, Walter B
Shuford, John M
Sumner, Benj H
Thompson, Horatio
Williamson, Robt
Williams, George W
Woodford, Lyman
Wells, Thomas

THIRD DEGREE.

Wells, Wesley W

FIRST DEGREE.

Dellinger, Lawsen A
Jones, Rev Robert D

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Brumfield, James
Hauss, F J
Jetton, F J
Lewis, J G
Turbyfill, E

MUCHUENA LODGE, NO. 20.

PAST GRANDS.

J Wilcox,
D Parrish,
J M Price,
T A Montgomery,
E T Rice,
T Reynolds,
H G Goodloe,
W H Bobbitt,
J W Holt,

SCARLET DEGREE.

H B Bryan,
James Brown,
N D Brickle,
John Collins,
Rev T S Campbell,
Wm E Clements,
James L. Duke,
John F Davis,
Jas A Egerton,
Wm H Ferguson,
James M Ferrell,
Rev N Z Graves,
K Gupton,
J W Holt,
Thomas J Holt,
H J Jones,
J R Johnson,
T L Johnson,
Jno C McCraw,
J J Minetree,
Jas H Moore,
P T Norwood,
Sam'l E Phillips,
M W Ransom,
Jas R Renn,
S H Rooks,
W J Rose,
S E Rodgers,
Dr Chas Skinner,
Geo R Sledge,
J W Toney,
Wm A Thompson,
Thos C Thompson,
Jas R Thrower,
W E Thrower,
L T Watkins,
E C White,
Thos M Winn,
J M Wilson,
Wm Watson,
Thos F Waddell,

FIRST DEGREE.

P W Motley,
J F Davis.

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Sam'l Harper,
W H Ferguson,
William Galloway.

BUENA VISTA LODGE, NO. 21.

PAST GRANDS.

John Sloan,
Solomon Hopkins,
Edwin Watson,
A S Porter,
J W Howlett,
Peter Thurston,
E W Ogburn,
Robt C Donnell,

SCARLET DEGREE.

Albie, Rev W W
Anderson, Henry S
Adams, Peter
Brown, Michael
Black, M S
Booker, Geo W
Caldwell, A C
Coffin, Cyrus
Cole, W W
Cole, John L
Denny, Eli
Donnell. W C
Dunn, Wm A
Erwin, Jabin
Edwards, W M
Ellington, W M
Fentress, T H
Forbes, Robt A
Findlay, B A
Gilmer Wm S
Gillespie, W J B
Gardner, Stephen
Gorrell, Albert T
Hoover, B F
Howlett, John F
Hall, James M
James, Samuel W
Johnston, Calvin
Kerr, Sam'l M
Kirkman, John W
Keys, Sam'l M
Lambeth, Rankin
Lambeth, John A
McLean, David
Miner, James
Mebane, Wm T
Moring, C S
Patrick, Thomas
Shelton, Joseph
Stewart, James
Scott, Levi M
Simpson, Rev S P
Starrett, Alexander
Sperry, A P
Tatum, Benton
Thompson, Jas N
Unthank, W R
Walker, Jeremiah
Weatherly, Andrew
Weatherly, Wm
Wood, E B
Weatherly, Joseph A
Young, S V

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Gilmer, A L
McCulloch, Joseph
Coe, Joseph P
Craven, B F
Edwards, Wm E
Fentress, J H

TUSCARORA LODGE, NO. 22.

PAST GRANDS.

Thomas Woodley,
James B Webb,
Wm H Whitfield,
Geo W Venters,
Thomas J Blakely,
Richard W King,
Moses Patterson,
Jesse Vanse.

SCARLET DEGREE.

L H Alredge,
J J Armstrong,
Blaney Allen,
H D Cason,
Jesse Cobb,
Wm E Cox,
J S Cummings,
T W Dawson,
Moses Einstein,
George Gray,
C M Griffin,
J A Hartsfield,
Jesse Hartsfield,
I C Hartsfield,
Amos Harvey,
Levi Hill,
Daniel Hilton,
J H Jackson,
J W Miller,
Stephen Miller,
A R Miller,
Bryan McCullin,
Loftes Nethercut,
Willis Rouse,
Lewis Stearnglanz,
Wm J Sutton,
Wm S Sutton,
John A Sutton,
John Sutton,
Wm A Strong,
L H Sull,
A B Watson.

SECOND DEGREE.

Wm Gray,
Francis A Simmons,

FIRST DEGREE.

Frederick G Griffin.

INITIATORY DEGREE.

John L Lee,
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ORIENTAL LODGE, NO. 24.

PAST GRANDS.

Ward, Henry L
Brown, Thomas
Williams, Rev B B
Wilson, John

SCARLET DEGREE.

Askew, John A J
Beaseley, Joseph
Britton, John L
Bernard, Samuel A
Daniel, Watson L
Davidson, Josiah H
Freeman, William J
Grant, Rev. Wm
Garrett, Richard
Hager, Willie
Harrell, Abner
Harrell, Starkey S
Lewis, Watson jr.
Leary, William
Leary, Joseph
Miller, William
Pruden, Wm D
Perry, John D
Rennie, Francis
Smith, Joseph
Spruil, Sam'l B
Williams, John
Williams, John F
Evans, Lemuel

SECOND DEGREE.

Holley, Augustus
Smith, Zachariah

FIRST DEGREE.

Ward Eason.

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Riddick, Charles A
Morgan, Benj W

PIEDMONT LODGE, NO. 25.

PAST GRANDS.

Dickson, John A
Avery, Clarke M
Murphy John H
Walton, Wm Mc
Ferree, Jas D
McDowell, Dr Jno C
Erwin, Edward J

SCARLET DEGREE.

Avery, Wm W
Avery, Thomas L withdrawn,
Avery, Isaac E
Abernathy, Rev R L
Ballue, Joseph A
Ballue, Wm A
Ballue, James
Burgin, Robert
Collins, Joseph L
Cooper, William H
Cannon, Isaac
Dickson, William
Deck, Jacob withdrawn,
Dean, Thomas P
Erwin, Alexander H withdrawn,
Erwin, Dr John S
Erwin, Joseph J
Erwin, William C
Estes, James C
Ferree, John G
Greenlie, James A
Glass, George W
Hardy, Dr J F E
Horshan, Jacob N
Holyburton, Wm B
Higgins, Alburto
Henson, John Mc
Hennessee William
Hennessee, John A withdrawn,
Horshan, Francis B
Jarratt, George W
James, Francis A
Kayler, Rev Noah H
Kaylor, Philo P
Lindsey, Henry P
Lester, Thomas C
McElrath, John W
McRee, Wlilliam L
Melton, L W
McElrath, Robert
Mull, George withdrawn,
Michaux, R V
McDowell, Jas C S
Puitt, William
Setzer, Joshua withdrawn,
Sudderth, Stanhope A
Sudderth, Elam M
Tate, W Lucius
Walstenholm, H F
Wakefield, Robert R

SECOND DEGREE.

Estes, Andrew J
Sheets, Rev Wm C

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Carmichael, L B
Corpening, David J
McDowell, Wm M
Peterson, Elias J

NORTH STATE LODGE, NO. 26.

PAST GRANDS.

F A Weirman,
Wm R Wilson,
Sam'l R Harrison,
J N Earnheart,
Wm M Barker,

SCARLET DEGREE.

Bell, F J
Bradshaw, D R
Blackmer, Luke
Bason, W F
Boger, John E
Coleman, Daniel
Coffman, F H
Casper, Henry B
Ellis, John H
Ennis, James H
Hulig, L G
Harvey, John
Hank, Rev John
Honeycutt, D W
Harrison, Richard
Johnston, James M
Leslie, M B
Linn, Rev Joseph A
McNeely, Joseph B
Montgomery, Rev A D
Moose, J E
Mesley, R
McRee, E
Murr, Alex
O'Brien, Rev S J
Palmer, W J
Reimer, M
Roberts, B B
Summerell, J J
Sharp, A F
Sumpter, H R
Simonton, H C
Williams, Samuel B
Young, James R

THIRD DEGREE.

York, A J

SECOND DEGREE.

Emery, William
Hunt, J A
Walker, Parris

FIRST DEGREE.

Haynes, Thos H
Caldwell, J A

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Brown, Wm
Brown, John D
Caldwell, M C
Merony, Thomas J
Monroe, John
Nelson, D P
Parks, John P
Rogers, A M
Reese, Thos E
Riley, George
Wilson, George

COLUMBUS LOGE, NO. 27.

PAST GRANDS.

Rev H Tennon,
W M Baldwin,
Calvin Haynes,
W G Smith,
J H Sumersett,
Amos Williams.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Baldwin, Charles
Gore, W K
Haynes, Warren,
Hill, Rev G W
Haynes, Kennith,
Inman, Stephen
Powell, J C
Powell, A F
Pridgen, J C
Powell, O H
Smith, Burwell
Toon, A F
Thompson, James

FOURTH DEGREE.

Gore, J M M
George, Lewis
Hill, A B
Maultsby Carver.

THIRD DEGREE.

Baldwin, Kelly
Dyson, J H
George, David
Gore, C C
Gore, Pinckney,
High, James
Richardson, W R
Smith, David,
Williamson, L

SECOND DEGREE.

Baldwin, A J
Boswell, U F
Best, Henry
Howell, Mills
Inman, Allen
Pridgen, G
Powell, J G
Powell, J H
Powell, M
Maultsby, McD
Smith, H J
Soles, Calton
Smith, S W
Vale, T L
Walker, M M

FIRST DEGREE.

Barden, B H
Coleman, D
Coleman, W H
Morrison, M R
Powell, F K
Shipman, A J
Sessions, T G
Wootten, S

ESPERANZA LODGE, NO. 28.

PAST GRANDS.

E W Jones,
John Nicholls,
B F Fessenden,
E J Johnson,
John Beasley.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Alfred, Frederick E
Allen, Jordan W
Arrington, Benj F
Bennett, Robt H
Beasley, John B
Beckwith, Thomas
Brabble, Jacob D
Casey, Isaac
Davenport, James F
Etherige, Stephen
Garibaldo, Angelo
Guyther, David C
Hardison, Wm A
Harrison, Harmon H
Hinson, Gabriel W
Holiday, Henry
Holliday, Jos W
Johnston, Asa
Keith, James B
Kissam, Samuel
Kissam, Charles A
Knight, Romulus B
Kimmel, Edmond J
Latham, Charles
Latham, Thos S
Piercy, David A
Respess, Robert
Spruill, H G
Simmons, Samuel S
Spruill, Benjamin
Thompson, Nathan
Thompson, Thos P
Ward, Warren W
Willis, Elijah H
Waters, Hardy H
Windley, Jacob D
Waters, Asa J
Wiley, Alfred
Woodhouse, Alex

THIRD DEGREE.

Joseph R Norman.

SECOND DEGREE.

Joseph Allen.

FIRST DEGREE.

Freeman, James
Garrett, Alfred F
Hayman, Matthias
Jones, Jordan L
McRae, S H

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Cooper, James E
Ebom, William
Hayman, Daniel

FALLING CREEK LODGE, NO. 29.

PAST GRANDS.

Walter L Steele,
John R Little,
John C McKinnon,
M L Douglass,
William M Peacock,
Andrew J Veal.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Beeman, John C
Crowson, James W S
McDonald, R S
Freeman, Rev E E
Ledbetter, Rev R S
Powell, Benj C
Stewart, James
Shortridge, John
Steele, Robert L
Steele, Robt J jr
Steele, Thos W

THIRD DEGREE.

Allred, Calvin J
Ewing, Isaac jr
Jordan, William B
Jordan, Thomas S
Knight, John C
Lucas, Hugh G
Pearl, James
Stubbs, John W

SECOND DEGREE.

Cox, Sherwood L
Kelly, Lowland R

FIRST DEGREE.

Bennett, John J
Reed, James H
Stansell, Peter W

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Moody, Albron W
Moody, Thomas W
Ussery, Wm D

YADKIN LODGE, NO. 30.

PAST GRANDS.

McElroy, J W
Wharton, A C
Moss, A A
Cooper, A W

SCALET DEGREE.

Blackburn, Coston
Blackburn, Milton
Brown, Isaac
Cooper, T D
Griffith, E W
Hoskins, J F
Hanes, Lewis
Jones, S S
Jones, Willie
Riley, J W
Wagner, Josiah
Steres, Lewis
Fairo, Lemuel

FIRST DEGREE.

Reynolds, L A

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 31.

PAST GRANDS.

Robert Loader,
J B McDade,
Joseph Kirkland,
Jos B Lucas,

SCARLET DEGREE.

Jas L Fisher,
Calvin Hauser,
Ephraim Hauser,
William Hauser,
Ilai Harwood,
James E Howell,
Dr. J B Jones,
R H Lee,
James S Lucas,
Dr George Moore,
Dr Wm H Moore
W J Newton,
Leon F Siler,
K B Waitt,
J F Wheat, jr
J J Collier.

THIRD DEGREE.

Grey Utley.

SECOND DEGREE.

Andrew Mickle,	Jas Y Watson,	William J Whyte.
J B Tinney,	Jones Watson,	

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J Jones Collier	R H Lee	Thomas Paxton
Morgan Closs	John Loader	L F Siler
Junius Closs	Robert Loader	M R Suggs
James L Fisher	Jos B Lucas	J B Tinney
James K Gaters	Jas S Lucas	K B Wait
Calvin Hauser	J B McDade	John H Watson
Ephraim Hauser	Andrew Mickle	James T Watson
William Hauser	Dr George Moore	Jones Watson
Ilai Harwood	George Moore, jr	Dr T E Watson
James E Howell	Dr A D Moore	J T Wheat, jr
Wm J Hogan	Dr Wm H Moore	Thos E Whyte
Jno R Hutchins	Paschal McCoy	Wm J Whyte
Dr J B Jones	Erasmus D Nute	C E Wright
Algernoon S Jones	Wesley J Newton	

CASWELL LODGE, No. 32.

PAST GRANDS.

John Kerr	Wm L Fowler	Dr A G Yancy
Wm H Chiles	Wm C Paxton	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Isaac G Bailey	Dr Allen Gunn	James McNeal
George W Dodson	Geo T Goodson	John Y Nance
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Thos J Howard	Iverson M Glass	Rev James Reid
Samuel S Harrison	Barzillia Graves	John D Wemple
Thos H Hatchett	James M Jones	Joseph Willis
Henry Hubbard	James R Jennings	Dr Jno L Williamson
Jas S Henderson	James B Lea	Wm P Wattington
Richard Ferguson	A A Mitchell	James Walker
Maj H Graves	Junius Moore	Robert M Young

FIRST DEGREE.

Wm O Bowler	James M Winstead	

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Lucian Price

CONTENTNEA LODGE, No. 34.

PAST GRANDS.

H H Gibbons	Wm C Blount	
B S Hardy	M J Edwards	

SCARLET DEGREE.

A H Dowell	Wm R Frizzle	Benj May
Ashley Allen	Geo Joiner	John H Hines
B F Williams	Gideon Allen	Robert Hines
D Edwards	Peter E Hines	John D May
E R Coward	Jas W May	Elias Carr

FIRST DEGREE.

John T Bynum

HOWARD LODGE, No. 35.

PAST GRANDS.

A W Burton	H D K Cabaniss	Thos Williams

SCARLET DEGREE.

Wm P Andrews	Wm Goforth	Athe Rippey
John Cline	M E Goode	John F Stephens
A J Elliott	Jas W Jackson	M G Webber
D Froneberger	C G Love	P S Whisuant
John Z Falls	A W Quinn	D W Whisuant
E H Fulenwider	M C Roberts	

SECOND DEGREE.

W M H Cabaniss	Thos P Jackson	Jas O Martin

FIRST DEGREE.

James E Osborne

INITIATORY DEGREE.

J W Tracy

SALEM LODGE, No. 35.

PAST GRANDS.

J Boner	A T Zevely	T Meller

SCARLET DEGREE.

C L Rights	J E Shultz	S C James
E A Vogler	T J Boner	Jos Wiesner
C L Banner	T F Crist	John Heisler
L N Clinard	D H Starbuck	E E Foltz
G H Reede	W M Smith	E W Lienback
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Eml Reich	J T Shouse	John B Kingsbury

SECOND DEGREE.

George M Swink

FIRST DEGREE.

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INITIATORY DEGREE.

E Blum	Thos F Morris	A J Butner
H M Lash	O A Keehln	

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 36.

SCARLET DEGREE.

Bell, Henry J	Sanders, Linn B	Watson, Wm H
Carrington, David C	Sandford, John P	Watson, J W B
Hobbs, Henry H	Thompson, John R	Williams, Nathan

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Daniel, John H

CONSTANCIA LODGE, No. 38.

PAST GRANDS.

B J Spunle	F C Miller	

SCARLET DEGREE.

W Loftin Hargrave	W G Clary	W A Keith
Wm G Parker	Leonidas Clary	C J Moore
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Wm M Bishop	Geo W Jenergan	Wm R Watson
Simon H Burton	Wm A Jackman	Geo Worrham

THIRD DEGREE.

Wm J Cherry	Theo Cherry	Thos E Watson

SECOND DEGREE.

Saml Floyd	Stark B Smith	
Everett Hancock	Robt R Simmons	

PEE DEE LODGE, No. 39.

PAST GRANDS.

R A Caldwell	A Little	N D Boggan

SCARLET DEGREE.

Dr E F Ashe	J C Caraway	A M McDonald
Milton Austin	Rev Evander David	Dr Albert Myers
R P Allen	James Grimsly	Joseph Randall
Wm A Benton	Ellis D Gaddy	W C Ramsay
H B Billingsly	James F Howard	Thos G Sanders
Richmond Buchanan	H B Hammond	M Sigman
N Beverly	A Little	J B Shelton
N D Boggan	R McKay	E H Streater
G D Boggan	L M McLendin	
Cary Bennett	A C Morse,	

THIRD DEGREE.

Dr. James L Fillman

FIRST DEGREE.

William Shadding

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Thos S Ashe	Rev Wm C Sutton	
C C McCaskill	Jas F Steater	

CATAWBA LODGE, No. 40.

PAST GRAND.

W J Gunter

SCARLET DEGREE.

T W Bradburn	J F Lorety	Q A Shuford
A T Bost	J P Hughes	J M Smith
R Brown	D W Rhine	M M Wilson
J M Bost	C G Reitzel,	H A Whitener
M L Cline	W P Reinhardt	W D Wyckoff
O Campbell	E R Shuford,	C A Wilfong
J O Gosset	A H Shuford,	

THIRD DEGREE.

P W Johnson | Maxwell Shuford |

SECOND DEGREE.

Israel Whitener | James Glasscock |

FIRST DEGREE.

F M Abernathy

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 41.

PAST GRANDS.

R F Simonton | Wm B Grant |

SCARLET DEGREE.

Allison, G W	Glasscock, J N	Rickert, James S
Byrns, J D	Hall, W D	Simonton, J R
Barker, Thos A	James, Thos A	Shelton, J W
Carlton, C A	Kerr, T J W	Stone, Wm F
Claywell, James A	Keaton, Silas	Spurr, Dr M H
Claywell, P A	Mowbray, W H	Tatum, J H
Claywell, Peter	Mowbray, H A	Tays, R S
Campbell, W M	Morrison, W H	Woodward, J W
Caldwell, W P	Rickert, S J	

FOURTH DEGREE.

Critz, Haman

THIRD DEGREE.

Stimson, D C

SECOND DEGREE.

Summers, C L

FIRST DEGREE.

Gilaspie, Carmi | Long, Dr J F |

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Leslie, James Q | Nesbit, James L |

LUMBER RIVER LODGE, No. 42.

PAST GRAND.

Will McNeill

SCARLET DEGREE.

Robert Downey	Eli Wishart	James Jordan
J M Hartman	Eli T Regan	J A Barnes

Rev D B Ayres	J W Rodgers	A W Fuller
J H Harriss	Benj Freeman	

FOURTH DEGREE.

H H Ellis	R M Norment	

FIRST DEGREE.

W B Blake

BROWN CREEK LODGE, No. 43.

PAST GRANDS.

Joseph White	Wm L Terry	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Cottrell, John B	Gulledge, Thos	Myers, Albert
Coppedge, Charles	Gathings, Philip	McGrigor, Wm L
Crowder, Wm	Hamilton, Thos M	Tomlenson, James
Chears, John	Marsh, Edmund J	Wamble, Bryan

SECOND DEGREE.

Gaddy, Elijah T	Redfearn, Wm A	
Redfearn, Berry N	Williams, Josiah	

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Eldredge, Jonathan	Kendall, George	

ENTERPRIZE LODGE, No. 44.

PAST GRANDS.

Pomeroy Clark	Oswald Lipscomb	

SCARLET DEGREE.

Joseph Barbee	Geo H Griffin	Wm D Thorn
Hope Baine	Chas B Gay	H L Williford
J T Dew	Chas W Harris	James Williford
Wm B Daniel	E T Mayo	
Albert Farmer	James J Taylor	

SECOND DEGREE.

John T Daniel	Pharao Farmer	

FIRST DEGREE.

James Collins	Joseph Farmer	Mede E Williford

INITIATORY DEGREE.

Calvin Moore	Joseph L Petway	David W Weaver

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PAST GRANDS.

Stephen D Wallace	Dougall McMillen	Fallcott Burr, jr
John C Wood	John McRae, jr	James F Miller

SCARLET DEGREE.

John Nutt	John Griffith	Alexander McRae, jr
Andrew McLean	Wm J Cornwall	Wm A Furr
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Abstract of the Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, commencing January 1st, 1852, and ending December 31st, 1852.

NAME OF LODGES.	NUMBER.	WHERE HELD.	COUNTY.	TIME OF MEETING.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Deaths.	Past Grands.	Members.	Amt. Received for Initiations.	Amt. Received for Degrees.	Amt. Received for Dues.	Amt. Received for Fines and other sources.	Amt. Received Widow's and Orphan's Fund	Whole Amt of Revenue.	Amount upon which present tax is to be paid.	Amount due Grand Lodge.	REMARKS.
Cape Fear,	2	Wilmington,	N. Hanover,	Tuesday night	8	1	3	26			1	1	19	121	$ 35 00	$ 30 00	$ 525 35	$ 10 00	$ 104 94	$ 599 35	$ 495 31	$ 49 52	
Washington,	3	Murfreesboro',	Hertford,	Friday "				1	1				9	23			37 37		23 00	97 74	86 24	8 60	
Cross Creek,	4	Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	Friday "	5	2	2	1		16			16	60	40 00	66 00	257 37	40 75	51 45	477 79	350 05	35 01	
Thaddeus,	5	Clinton,	Sampson,	Friday "							1		12	26			25 57	1 75	5 84	27 32	25 57	2 56	
Neuse,	6	Goldsboro',	Wayne,	Saturday "	3	4		10	2	8	8		11	40	15 00		156 20	75	34 00	236 95	171 20	17 12	
Eureka,	7	Newberne,	Craven,	Friday "	1			2					13	75	8 00	14 00	361 00	109 50		495 00	277 95	27 79	
Manteo,	8	Raleigh,	Wake,	Friday "	3	4	1	5				2	13	78	15 00		52 25		35 31	156 25	120 85	12 07	
Meck. Declaration,	9	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg,	Tuesday "	9	3	2	3			1		11	67	90 00	70 00	211 47	1 75	55 02	428 24	374 47	37 44	
Phalanx,	10	Washington,	Beaufort,	Friday "	8	2	3	3	1		6		11	93	40 00	63 50	274 82	46 39	226 43	651 14	368 32	36 83	
Concordia,	11	Beaufort,	Carteret,	Friday "	4			3			2		5	26	20 00	45 00	151 29	55 50	31 00	290 79	184 29	18 42	
Achoree,	14	Elizabeth City,	Pasquotank,	Friday "	9	1	1	6		12	9		19	77	45 00	96 00	278 59	30 75	141 20	593 54	452 09	45 20	
Winchester,	16	Rocky Mount,	Edgecombe,	Saturday "	2			5			1	1	5	26	10 00	30 00	164 00			526 00	204 00	20 40	
Smyrna,	18	Smyrna,	Carteret,	Saturday "	4						1		8	20	25 00	53 00	102 86		17 30	180 90	163 46	16 34	
Mountain,	19	Lincolnton,	Lincoln,	Friday "	5		2	5	1	1			7	56	11 00	49 00	239 35	16 56	91 84	518 14	215 80	21 58	
Muchena,	20	Warrenton,	Warren,	Thursday "	3			6			2		9	51	15 00	15 00	85 13		54 75	269 44	211 69	21 16	
Buena Vista,	21	Greensboro',	Guilford,	Tuesday "	14	1	3	3			1	1	8	67	75 00	159 00	191 17	2 25	35 91	750 42	425 54	42 54	
Tuscarora,	22	Kinston,	Lenoir,	Friday "	8	6					1	1	8	46	40 00	98 00	188 50	75	60 19	364 13	303 93	30 39	
Oriental,	24	Colorain,	Bertie,	Thursday "	6		3	5					4	33	22 50	111 00	100 44	65 50	*31 79	256 23	163 94	16 38	
Piedmont,	25	Morganton,	Burke,	Tuesday "	8	1		6	1	1	1		7	58	40 00	136 00	222 20		53 25	511 25	378 20	37 82	John Happold expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.
North State,	26	Salisbury,	Rowan,	Tuesday "	7		1	1			1	1	5	56	35 00	37 00	113 70		34 47	215 17	180 70	18 07	
Columbus,	27	Whiteville,	Columbus,	Saturday "	5	2		1			1		6	55	25 00	13 00	180 53		32 11	217 75	185 65	18 56	
Esperanza,	28	Plymouth,	Washington,	Thursday "	3	4	1	1	5	7	2		5	54	15 00	35 00	178 13	2 75	†142 29	383 90	231 13	23 10	
Falling Creek,	29	Reckingham,	Richmond,	Monday "	5	2		2					6	33	20 00	32 00	102 80	25	27 13	441 79	155 06	15 50	
Yadkin,	30	Clemensville,	Davidson,	Tuesday "	5			5					4	18	25 00	79 00	67 93	1 00	12 09	222 78	160 17	16 01	
Samaritan,	31	Chapel Hill,	Orange,	Monday "	18		5	3	1			1	5	41	90 00	124 12	82 13	13 06	25 16	346 98	321 81	32 17	
Caswell,	32	Yanceyville,	Caswell,	Saturday "	10	3	1	2					4	38	50 00	112 00	81 79	5 25	37 25	276 29	261 26	26 12	
Occidental,	33	Gatesville,	Gates,	Wednesday "									4	30			48 75		15 00	63 75	48 75	4 87	
Contentnea,	34	Snow Hill,	Green,	Thursday "	4			4				1	4	20	20 00	50 00	35 75		20 50	115 25	128 25	12 82	
Howard,	35	Shelby,	Cleaveland,	Tuesday "	1					1	1		3	26	5 00	61 00	90 18	16 95	25 52	376 36	156 68	15 66	
Salem,	36	Salem,	Forsyth,	Thursday "	17	1	1				2		3	31	87 50	175 00	86 99	3 00	16 31	352 49	336 16	33 61	Evan Boner and L. F. Everhard expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.
Olive Branch,	37	Smithfield,	Johnson,	Tuesday "	2		1	1					1	10	10 00	39 00	26 25	2 25	8 75	86 25	77 50	7 75	
Constancia,	38	Windsor,	Bertie,	Wednesday "	10		3	3					2	27	40 00	105 00	56 83	12 50	24 31	235 16	201 83	20 18	
Pee Dee,	39	Wadesboro',	Anson,	Monday "	12			11			1	2	3	38	60 00	138 00	58 12	13		256 24	210 12	21 00	
Catawba,	40	Newton,	Catawba,	Thursday "	4			1			1		1	28	15 00	55 00	65 62	80	18 55	153 18	135 62	13 56	
Excelsior,	41	Statesville,	Iredell,	Monday "	18		1	1		1			2	36	91 00	201 00	125 02		28 24	445 27	417 03	41 70	
Lumber River,	42	Lumberton,	Robeson,	Thursday "	12	1	3						1	15	55 00	165 00	30 12		7 50	257 62	250 12	25 01	
Brown Creek,	43	White's Store,	Anson,	Wednesday "	13		2	1				1	1	20	65 00	117 00	23 00			205 00	205 00	20 50	
Enterprise,	44	Wilson,	Edgecombe,	Saturday "	17	5	2	1					2	23	85 00	168 00	9 63	2 50	2 94	432 62	267 57	26 75	
Clarendon,	45	Wilmington,	N. Hanover,	Wednesday "								1	6	14				65 00					
					263	43	41	128	12	47	44	13	253	1666	$1,339 00	$2,741 62	$5,088 80	$ 507 63	$ 1,524 94	$12,515 07	$ 8,903 37	$890 11	

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

OF

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD AT

The Hall of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, in the Town of Wilmington,

On the 8th, 9th and 10th of May, 1854.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge

OF

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

HELD IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MAY, 1854.

MONDAY, May 8th, 1854.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at 9½ o'clock, A. M., in the Hall of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, when the following Officers were present, viz:

WALTER L. STEELE,.....M. W. GRAND MASTER.
W. S. G. ANDREWS,..... .....R W. D. GRAND MASTER.
A. PAUL REPITON,.....R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
THOS. M. GARDNER,.....R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
J. A. WEIRMAN,.....R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
HENRY L. WARD,.....W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
WALTER L. STEELE,.....R. W. GRAND R. G. L. U S.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master, Walter L. Steele, and opened in due form. Prayer by P. G. Rev. A. Paul Repiton.

The M. W. Grand Master, Walter L. Steele, appointed, in the absence of some of the officers, the following P. Grands to fill their stations, viz:—P. G., *J. E. Morris*, W. Grand Conductor; P. G., *Rev. A. Paul Repiton*, W. Grand Chaplin; with the request that the latter would open and close the meetings of this body with prayer.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—P. G. M., J. B. Newby; P. G., W. H. Clark; and P. G., R. C. Donnell.

The reading of the proceedings of last meeting being called, the G. Secretary proceeded to that duty, when, on motion of P. G. M., T. H. Hardenbergh, the further reading of the proceedings was dispensed with.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report: that they have had submitted to them Certificates of Representation, as follows:

LODGES.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVES.	
Cape Fear,	2	P. G.	W. L. Smith,
Cross Creek,	4	P. G. M.,	J. B. Newby,
Neuse,	6	P. G.	J. W. Ezell,
Eureka,	7	"	J. E. Morris,
Mecklenburg Decla'n.,	9	"	Sam'l J. Lowrie,
Phalanx,	10	P. G. M.,	T. H. Hardenbergh,
Achoree,	14	P. G.	Wm. H. Clark,
Winchester,	16	"	P. G. Foster,
Smyrna,	18	"	Allen L. Cooper,
Mountain,	19	"	Wm. J. Hoke,
Muchuena,	20	"	E. T. Rice,
Buena Vista,	21	"	R. C. Donnell,
Tuscarora,	22	"	Thos. J. Blakely,
North State,	26	"	Jno. A. Weirman,
Esperanza,	28	"	E. J. Johnston,
Yadkin,	30	"	T. D. Cooper,
Samaritan,	31	"	J. Thos. Wheat,
Howard,	35	"	Thos. Williams,
Salem,	36	"	E. A. Vogler,
Olive Branch,	37	"	H. H. Hobbs,
Constantia,	38	"	W. L. Hargrave,
Pee Dee,	39	"	R. A. Caldwell,
Excelsior,	41	"	C. A. Carlton,
Lumber River,	42	"	John Hartman,
Brown Creek,	43	"	Jas. Tomlinson,
Farmington,	46	"	J. H. Johnson,
Friendship,	47	"	W. B. Whitfield,
Hardenburgh,	49	"	L. R. Gibson,
Palmetto,	48	"	Geo. D. Boggan,
Edgecombe,	50	"	W. B. Myers, (prx.)

Your Committee find that several of the Representatives above named have no Certificate of service, but they are satisfied that they are entitled to seats.

In addition, your Committee have examined Certificates of service presented by P. G., Norton W. Cook, of Phalanx Lodge No. 10, and P. G., Richard J. Jones and Henry R. Perrin of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the annexed Resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NEWBY,
W. H. CLARK,
ROBT. C. DONNELL,

Resolved, That the Representatives and Past Grands above named, be admitted to seats, and the G. L. Degree be conferred upon such of them as have not heretofore received it.

The report of the Committee and accompanying Resolution, were, on motion, received and adopted, when the Representatives and Past Grands were introduced and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

P. G. Rep., Jno. N. Washington, stated to the Grand Lodge, that P. G., A. J. Veal, who had been elected Representative to this Grand Lodge, by Falling Creek Lodge No. 29, had failed to receive his Certificate of the fact from the Secretary of that Lodge; but that he had in his hand the Certificate of the M. W. Grand Master, (who is a member of Falling Creek Lodge,) that P. G. Veal had been duly elected Representative by that Lodge to this Grand Lodge, and moved therefore that P. G. Veal be permitted to take his seat in the Grand Lodge as Representative for Falling Creek Lodge, which motion was adopted.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In obedience to a law of this Body, as well as in conformity to a custom long established by my predecessors in office, I beg leave to submit the following as my official Report:

A law passed by the last session of this Body, required the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to make out and forward their Reports to the Grand Master at least one month before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. The object of this requirement was, no doubt, to enable the Grand Master to give the subjects embraced within these reports his careful attention, and thus have it in his power to make such suggestions to this Body as his calmer reflections might authorize. I fear that I shall be unable to offer for your consideration any thing of moment growing out of the state of facts which these documents show to exist. I present them for your thoughts, in the hope that your own judgments may lead you to make a practical application of their teachings.

The Grand Secretary reports as follows:

The Returns from Subordinates show that there are 1,721 contributing members within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. From January 1 to Dec. 31, 1853, there have been 299 Initiations, 64 Rejections, 49 Admissions by Card, 121 Withdrawals, 14 Reinstatements, 61 Suspensions, 60 Expulsions, 18 Deaths.

There are 280 Past Grands.

The following amounts have been received: For Initiations $1,484, for Degrees $3,854 50, for Dues $5,863 54, for Fines and other sources $784 43, for Widows' and Orphans' Fund $1,691 52, for Education $51 58. Whole amount of Revenue $14,307 48. Amount upon which per centage is to be paid $10,536 86, and the amount to be paid thereon $1,580 52.

Up to this date I have received, for Dispensations $150, Dues $1,541 36, Rebekah Books $52, Initiation Books $2, Cards $16 86, Odes 75 cents. Total amount to 29th of March $1,762 97, for which I have the Grand Treasurer's acknowledgments.

Sundry Subordinates are indebted to the Grand Lodge $171 52. I have written to all the Lodges, enclosing an account in form of the indebtedness, as per instructions and my duty.

There have been expended, for the Relief of Brothers $2,160 88, Burying the Dead $466 85, Education of Orphans $156 25, Relief of Widowed Families $338 32. Total amount paid for Relief $3,122 30.

The Returns were slow in reaching the Grand Secretary. Contentnea Lodge, No. 34, Snow Hill, has only made Returns for June Term, 1853. Manteo Lodge, No. 8, has made no Returns during the year. Occidental Lodge, No. 33 has made no Return since June Term, 1852.

In conclusion, I would state, that I wrote to the Committee on P. G. Secretary Cook's books, and herewith submit report made by P. G. Isaac Proctor.

Your attention is called to sundry documents in possession of the Grand Secretary, which will be for the consideration of your Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. PAUL REPITON, Grand Sec'y.

To WALTER L. STEELE, Grand Master.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer is as follows:

T. M. GARDNER, *G. T., in account with the G. L. of N. C., I. O. O. F:*

DR.

1853, May	1.	By cash on hand,	$503 76
"	9.	Interest on Neuse Lodge Bond,	18 00
"	11.	Proceeds of Note to Bank Cape Fear,	600 00
Aug.	12.	Cash of Grand Secretary	1,059 00
"	"	Eureka Lodge, on Bond,	50 00
Dec'r	1.	Neuse Lodge, on Bond,	100 00
"	"	Cash of Grand Secretary,	59 30
1854, Jan.	17.	" " "	317 00
Feb'y	8.	" " "	176 38
Mar.	21.	" " "	151 29
			$3,034 73

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1853, May	1.	Freight paid on G. L. Regalia,	$1 50
"	11.	Dis. on Note to Bank Cape Fear,	9 20
"	13.	Paid Rep. A. T. Zevely,	38 00
"	"	" " R. F. Simonton,	47 00
"	"	" " John Hutchison,	22 50
"	"	" " H. D K. Cabiness,	63 00
"	"	" " J. W. Morgan,	33 00
"	"	" G. W. Peter Thurston,	41 00
"	"	" Rep. W. H. Rumley,	33 00
"	"	" " W. H. Watson,	13 50
"	"	" " T. H. Hardenbergh,	23 50
"	"	" " A. J. Veal,	31 50
"	"	" Gr. Chap. M. L. Douglass,	22 75
"	"	" Gr. Rep. Walter L. Steele,	22 75
"	"	" Rep. W. L. Hargrave,	27 00
"	"	" Dep. G. M. E. W. Jones,	25 00
"	"	" Rep. B. B. Lawrence,	10 25
"	"	" " H. L. Ward,	29 25
"	"	" " Alex'r Ramsour,	53 00
"	"	" " E. J. Johnson,	35 00
"	"	" " Pomroy Clark,	9 75
"	"	" " Robert Shaw,	41 50
"	"	" " W. H. Clark,	31 75
"	"	" " C. Haynes,	6 50
"	"	" " Joseph B. Lucas,	20 00
"	"	" " E. J. Erwin,	69 00
"	"	" " H. G. Goodloe,	19 00
"	"	" " William McNeill,	12 00
"	"	" " William L. Terry,	27 00
"	"	" " R. C. Donnell,	36 00
"	"	" " Wm. Robinson,	8 00
"	"	" " C. Lutterloh,	16 00
"	"	" " R. A. Caldwell,	25 00
"	"	" G. C. John A. Weirman,	48 00
"	"	" Rep. Thomas Woodley,	15 00
"	"	" G. G. Rich'd W. King,	15 00
"	"	" G. M. Warren Winslow,	7 50
"	"	" G. Rep. J. B. Newby,	16 50
"	"	" G. M., for printing, postage, &c.,	10 09
"	"	" E. N. Adkins, Steward,	18 03
"	"	" James Young, (Charters, &c.)	38 00
"	"	" Exchange,	38
"	"	" E. J. Hale, printing,	1 50
Aug.	12	" S. W. Whitaker, (Roll book,)	1 87
"	"	" Instalment on Note due Bank,	156 90
"	"	" G. L. U. S, Rep. Tax, &c.,	275 50
"	"	" Exchange,	2 75
"	"	" A. P. Repiton, G. S., services, &c.,	273 77
"	"	" T. M. Gardner, G. T.,	50 00
Nov.	10.	" Instalment on Note due Bank,	129 98

Brought over,				$3,034 73
1854, Feb'y 9.	Paid	E. A. Gibbs, G. L. Regalia,	189 75	
" "	"	Exchange,	1 90	
" "	"	Bank Cape Fear, in full of Note,	325 00	
April 8.	"	T. Burr, Jr., printing Proceedings,	110 00	
" 10.	"	Fulton & Price, printing G. T. Report,	8 63	
				$2,609 26
Leaving a balance in his hands, in cash, of			$125 47	
Bond and interest of Eureka Lodge,			316 42	
" " Neuse "			200 00	
Whole amount of assets in G. T's hands,			$941 89	

In a letter accompanying the foregoing statement the Grand Treasurer estimates a deficiency of about $600, growing out of the expenses of the present Session of the Grand Lodge, the Representative Tax to be paid to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the amount necessary to purchase the Books and other documents required by this Body. This sum he proposes to borrow from Bank, in the same manner as was done at the last Communication.

Although this amount must be raised by loan to meet the demands of this Body, it occurs to me that it affords no cause of uneasiness as to the efficiency of our present financial system. After the returns for the present Term shall come in, I have no doubt that the Grand Lodge will be able to relieve itself entirely of debt, and that the surplus on hand, at the next Session, will be amply sufficient to meet all the expenses to be incurred. With these views, I do not deem it advisable to recommend any change in our revenue law. I would suggest to you, however, that the subject is well worthy your most mature consideration, to which it is respectfully referred.

The following new Lodges have been established during the present official year:

Friendship Lodge, No. 47, located at White Hall, Wayne county, was organized, by virtue of a Charter granted by this Body, on the 18th day of June, by Dep. G. M., W. S. G. Andrews, assisted by P. G's Robinson, of Neuse, King, of Tuscarora, and others.

Palmetto Lodge, No. 48, located at Carolina Female College, Anson county, was Instituted by me on the 27th July, assisted by P. G. Caldwell of Pee Dee, and Brothers from Falling Creek and Pee Dee Lodges.

Hardenbergh, No. 49, located at Germanton, Stokes county, was opened on the 12th of August, by special Deputy, P. G., A. T. Zevely, of Salem Lodge.

A Petition was received for the establishment of a Lodge at

Tarborough. In accordance therewith, I directed that the necessary Dispensation, Books, &c., should be sent to your very efficient Deputy Grand Master, and I wrote to him, requesting him to Institute the Lodge, provided he could conveniently do so. In case he could not, I authorized him to depute P. G. Lawrence, of Winchester Lodge, to attend to it; I learn, *unofficially*, that this Lodge has been organized, but no report of such act having been made to me, or to Dep. G. M. Andrews, I am unable to state the time when it was done. From the "Ark," I learn also, that the Lodge is called EDGECOMBE LODGE.

I have issued dispensatory authority to seven Brethren of Mocksville, in Davie county, to establish a Lodge in that place, to be known as DAVIE LODGE, No. 51, and have requested Grand Warden John A. Weirman, of Salisbury, to open it. As yet there is no report.

From this statement it appears that during my official Term there have been four Lodges opened, and a Dispensation issued to open the fifth. I respectfully recommend that Charters be granted to such of these Lodges as are now working under Dispensations.

I beg leave to call your attention to that part of the Grand Secretary's Report which states the failure of several Subordinates to make the required returns.

I regret that I am not able to give you any information respecting one or two Lodges which have failed to work. I have taken the necessary steps to have their Charters, Books, &c., returned to you, but have had no report upon the subject.

The Committee appointed by you, to examine and report upon the Books of P. G. Sec'y, Cooke, have not yet had a meeting. P. G., Isaac Proctor, however, one of the Committee, has, as far as possible, discharged the duty requested, and has made a statement of the result. This statement will be found among the papers of my office, and is referred to you for such action as you may judge best. I make no suggestion whatever on the subject, having full confidence that you will do what is right.

During my official term, I have granted to several Lodges Dispensations to change the time and number of their meetings. My Letter Book will show the cases to which I allude. This Book will also give you the several decisions which I have made and the instructions given, during my term. I invite the most rigid scrutiny into these official communications, so that if my opinions have been correct, they may be a guide,

so far as they go, to my successor; and if incorrect, that no false teaching may grow out of them. I have endeavored to expound the law intelligently, but you are the Court of Errors, and must decide.

During the month of November, I was compelled by business engagements to leave the State, and to remain absent for a period of several months. Of this necessity I duly advised the several Subordinates, and requested them to direct their official letters, for a certain time, to Dep. G. M. Andrews, at Goldsborough. I had every confidence that his opinions, whenever asked, would be worthy of respect, and would be a safe guide in cases of doubt. It affords me pleasure to bear testimony to his zeal and ability in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him on account of my absence from the State. The substance of his replies to several questions propounded, upon which answers were requested, will be found in my Letter Book, and I take occasion to say that I have had no difficulty or hesitation in fully endorsing them—they, in every instance, containing what I understand to be the law "made and provided" for the cases to which they refer.

It was my desire and intention, when I accepted the office of Grand Master, to have made an official visit to as many of the Lodges within this Jurisdiction as possible. My belief was, that by so doing, the work of the Order would become more uniform, and at the same time more correct. At present, as is well known, there exists a difference in the work in different Lodges. The discrepancy is not great, by any means; on the contrary, I have little doubt that there is as much uniformity in our mode, and as much correctness, as can be found in any State of the Union. Still, it is highly desirable that there should be a *perfect* agreement as to what is right in all Lodges. A visit to each Subordinate by the Grand Master, and a thorough instruction given by him, after having made himself perfectly familiar with the unwritten work, would have tended greatly, and would now tend, towards the accomplishment of this highly important object. As I became situated, I could not carry out my designs, and very much regret it.

During the past year our Order has lost one of its most distinguished and valuable members. It is hardly necessary that I inform you. I allude to the death of Past Grand Master Perrin Busbee, of Raleigh. His history and his virtues are well known to you all. Gifted with a vigorous intellect, which he had improved by high culture; possessed of pleasing manners,

with a heart tender and sympathetic, knowing no guile, he had secured for himself the respect and confidence of all men, and was fast rising to a position of commanding influence and usefulness in our State, when he was called to his last account. An ornament to our Order is gone—one of your brightest jewels is lost. There are those, however, whose bereavement we cannot measure. A happy household has been made desolate. His wife and children are sore stricken with grief. Our sympathies are with them, and we cannot but hope that a merciful Heaven will smile upon them in their calamity.

The nature of my correspondence has been such, that I have had very little specific information in regard to the condition of our Order in this State. I had indulged the hope that many of the letters which I should receive would contain statements of the situation of the several Lodges from which they might come. Such was not the case. So far as I have been able to learn, however, both from private sources and the report of the Grand Secretary, the Order, although not in a very *progressive*, is still in quite a healthy state. I do not regard a great increase of membership as an infallible evidence of prosperity. It is often the case, solely the result of a want of caution in Lodges, thereby admitting to their mysteries those who are utterly unworthy to receive them. *Our* progress has been *steady*, though not *fast*, and we should be well satisfied with it.

The effect produced upon the mind of a new member, by the ceremony of Initiation, has a very material influence upon his love and zeal for the principles and work of the Order.—Where the ritual prescribed is gone through with by each officer as if he were well acquainted with the part he undertakes to perform, the impression is far more favorable than where all is confused and unintelligible. It sometimes occurs that the person initiated has a good right to suppose that they who are inducting him into the mysteries of the Fraternity are totally unqualified teachers, knowing nothing themselves. In such instances it is not difficult to see how farcical the ceremony must appear. In order to avoid such scenes as I have described, I respectfully suggest the passage of a law requiring the officers of Subordinate Lodges to commit to memory the part of the ritual pertaining to them, within one month of the date of their installation, or be subject to such penalty as may be thought best to secure the end had in view.

However intelligent any Society of Odd Fellows may be, it can never be regarded as in a very prosperous condition, un-

less it is well acquainted with the current news and history of the Order. Without this, after a lapse of time its "brightness" will vanish away. Every observant Odd Fellow will recognize the truth of the declarations I have made. I therefore, respectfully, but earnestly, recommend to you, and through you to the membership in this State, the importance of a liberal patronage to the newspapers and periodicals specially devoted to the interests of the Order. There are several of these well worthy of an extensive circulation and support; and I trust I shall not be regarded as making an invidious distinction between them, if I suggest that of these *I know* the Ark and Golden Rule will be found, by any one who chooses to subscribe for either, to be richly deserving his favor. Any newspaper is worth the price required to be paid for it, and it is a disgrace to any man in the land to be without one.

I also call your attention to the fact, that it might be well enough to *reiterate* your sentiments in regard to the propriety of a mergement of the two branches of our Order. That such a result would prove of incalculable advantage, I cannot entertain a doubt; and hence would advise that no legitimate effort be spared likely to lead to so desirable an end. The arrangement *can be made*, its opponents to the contrary notwithstanding, and it is not very difficult to do. The prize is worth the effort.

I shall weary you no longer. I trust that your labors during the present Session will be of benefit to those whom you represent, and it will afford me great pleasure to second any effort tending to produce such a result.

WALTER L. STEELE, G. M.

P. G. M., T. H. Hardenbergh, offered the following, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Report of the M. W. G. M. be referred as follows, viz:

All that portion thereof that relates to the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, to the Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to the institution of new Lodges, to the Committee on Petitions.

So much as relates to the failure of certain Subordinate Lodges to make the required returns, to the Committee on Ruturns and Reports.

The correspondence of the office, to the Committee on Correspondence.

So much a relates to the mergement of the two branches of the Order, and to the condition and work of the Order, in this State, to the Committee on the state of the Order.

R. W. G. R., Walter L. Steele, submitted his Report as Grand Representative to the G. L. United States, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In submitting the Report, which terminates my connection with you, as one of your Representatives to the Grand Lodge

of the United States, I trust I shall be pardoned, for again returning you my most hearty thanks for the manifestations of confidence in me, which you have always exhibited.—During the session of this Body, held in 1852, (the second Grand Lodge I attended,) I had the honor of being called by a unanimous vote, to assume the duties of the station, which I am now about to surrender. In the succeeding year, you made me the Chief Executive of this Jurisdiction; and thus, has been imposed upon me a larger share of duty than usually attaches itself to one individual. My labors, in consequence, have been, by no means insignificant during the past year; and I have found myself surrounded with responsibilities connected with my offices, which I would not again willingly assume.

I accepted these trusts, with a full knowledge that, in order to discharge them, with any credit to myself, and benefit to the Order, (and at least, so as not to make my brethren ashamed of their officer,) I had to familiarize myself with the laws of this Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the United States, to a degree which I could not, at the time of my election, claim to have attained. Whether I have done so, the record is the evidence, and you are to judge. At all events, I have striven faithfully to do my work, knowing that I could, in no better way, give you a substantial exhibition of my gratefulness for the kindness you have shown me.

The Grand Lodge of the United States assembled in the city of Philadelphia, on the 1st Monday of September last. At this session, the following officers, who had been elected in 1852, were duly installed, viz:—Wilmot G. Desaussure, of Charleston, S. C., M. W. Grand Sire; Horace A. Manchester of Providence, R. I., Dep. Grand Sire; James L. Ridgely, of Baltimore, Md., Grand Secretary, and Hon. Joshua Vansant, of Baltimore, Grand Treasurer.

I very much regretted that neither Rep. Jones, my colleague, nor P. G. M., Hardenbergh, of the Grand Encampment of this State, was present. The whole duty of attending to your interests, therefore, devolved upon me, and I felt the necessity oftentimes of that counsel which, had they been present, I should have been able to get. It thus several times occurred, that I was at great loss what course of action to take. I am sure, however, that nothing but necessity caused them to fail in their attendance.

Every State in the Union, with the exception of Arkansas, had its Representative present. Even California was there,

in the person of a very worthy man. Thus you will perceive, each part of the United States had its peculiar opinions reflected, and yet the session was one of great harmony, and passed off pleasantly to the members. Our brethren of the "Quaker City," (as it is very foolishly called,) were very kind in their attentions, and did us the honor of a ball and a festival, at which there was no doubt considerable enjoyment with those who participated. Your Representative was unable to take part in the *exercises* of the former, but did full justice to the viands which loaded the tables at the latter entertainment. These hospitalities were well meant and well received, and we all felt quite thankful for the kindness which they exhibited. For myself, however, I must say, that they interfere too seriously with the business of a Grand Lodge, to be regarded in any other light than as an evil. They are never so intended, I know, but the fact is too apparent to need any confirmation. This remark I design to be general in its application.

Whilst in Philadelphia, I received from P. G. Master Hardenbergh, to whom it had been intrusted, the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of this State, upon the subject of merging the two branches of the Order. I did not have a copy of the action of the Grand Lodge on the same subject. Nevertheless, I presented the documents of the Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating at the time, that this body had passed resolutions of precisely the same character. A reference of the subject was made to the Legislative Committee, of which I was a member. After due course of time the majority reported that it was inexpedient to legislate upon the subject. This report was signed by Rep. Crickard and McCord. I felt it my duty to present a minority report, which you will find upon the Journals of the Grand Lodge. This report is quite brief and merely gives the substance of the opinions held by this Grand Body. I did not have time to make it as elaborate as I would have desired, or I should have presented an extended view of the evils of the present system, and the probability of their partial or entire removal by the change which we propose to effect. The Grand Lodge concurred, by a large majority, in sustaining the report of Reps. Crickard and McCord.

Several members of the Grand Lodge told me that they had no idea the Encampment branch could ever prosper, as a general thing, at all equally with the Subordinate Lodge, and regretted that the two had not been blended "in the begining," but it was too late *now* to remedy the evil. Others

gave me promises of their hearty assistance, among whom I hope I shall be pardoned for naming Reps. Gyles and Seymour, of South Carolina, and Day, of Tennessee. Upon a test vote, I have no doubt that nearly one-third of the members of the last Grand Lodge would have favored the mergement; but it will be a long time, (unless the present system falls by its own weight,) before the requisite number can be had to make the desired change. Men are either so wedded to the habits and customs of their fathers, or so utterly wild and reckless in their cravings after the *new*, that *genuine reform* is slow in being accomplished. An "Old Fogy" (I hope I shall be pardoned for the use of these words) is perfectly content to keep the Institution just as it now is, without regard to the necessary improvements of the age; whilst "Young America," battling under the doubtful banner of "State Rights," strives to tear down the ancient bulwarks of the Constitution and place a larger share of *power* in the State Grand Lodges. These being the chief ends which these two factions (with all respect) seem to have in view, their minds are not likely to rest upon any prospect of *real* improvement to the Order, until the one or the other shall have triumphed. *Vitality* is needed far more than anything else, and it can never be had until a fundamental change in the state of the Order is effected. Perhaps, after the Grand Lodge shall decide upon the Constitution, as proposed by the Committee of 1852, the time of calm reflection upon the mergement of the two branches may arrive. If so, I shall hail it with joy. Then "Young America" will probably have triumphed, and may turn its attention towards this matter.

I would respectfully suggest that you re-affirm the opinions expressed upon this subject at the last communication, and direct the Grand Secretary to forward a copy of the same to each Grand Body within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It will never do to yield the matter without a harder struggle than has yet taken place. It is gaining friends, and I allow myself to hope, that, at some time, it will be carried out.

As I have already indicated, the Committee of 1852 made a report of an amended Constitution, which will be acted upon in September next. These amendments are spread out upon the Journal of 1853, which is in your possession, and can be examined by you at your pleasure. It will be well for you to consider them, so that your Representatives may know your opinions and prepare themselves to carry them out. So far as I have examined them, I am inclined to look upon the changes

proposed, as a general thing, with more favor than dislike, and I believe the Report will be adopted.

The day I left Philadelphia, I learned that a box, directed to me, containing the bound Journal of this Lodge, was in the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I suppose they were sent to me, there, that I might distribute them among the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges present, to be by them carried home and given to their respective Bodies. It was, however, too late; for the Grand Lodge had adjourned. I directed that the box should be sent to Grand Secretary Ridgely, and wrote to him to distribute them when he sent out the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I suppose they have, at last, reached their destination, as he promised compliance with my wishes.

A good deal of time was taken up in going through with the unwritten work of the Order. The instructions were more thorough than they were in 1852, and I think more correct.—I shall be ready, when called upon, to give you the benefit of the information which I obtained. I will remark, however, that we have the work quite correctly.

It is to be regretted that there is such a lapse of time between the sessions of this Body and those of the G. L. U. S. Although I paid strict attention to what took place, I am free to confess that I do not recollect events as clearly now as I did shortly after they occurred. This difference in time operates more seriously on the unwritten work than on any other portion of it.

For the decisions of the Grand Lodge and other information of interest to the Order, I respectfully refer you to the Journal.

Allow me to express the hope, that the interests of Odd Fellowship in North Carolina may be advanced by the wisdom of your deliberations, and that the Order may go on unfettered in its mission of Peace and Love. I assure you, it will afford me pleasure to contribute to the accomplishment of so excellent a result.

And now, I take leave of you as your Representative. I have done what I thought best calculated to promote the interests of the Brotherhood. Examine my acts, and if you are even satisfied with my intentions, I shall be highly pleased. If you approve my course, I ask no other reward.

WALTER L. STEELE, Grand Representative.

P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington, offered the following, which was concurred in, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to P. G. Rep. Walter L. Steele, for the able and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties as Representative from this Grand Body to the Grand Lodge of the U. States.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Report of the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be referred to a Committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to distribute the several matters contained therein to the appropriate standing Committees of this Body.

Committee, Reps. R. A. Caldwell and Norton Cook, and P. G. Rich'd W. King.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Committees, viz:

Committee on the State of the Order.—P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington, and Reps. R. A. Caldwell and E. J. Johnson.

Committee on Correspondence.—P. G. M. J. B. Newby, and Reps. W. L. Hargrave and W. B. Myers.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—P. G. Rep. T. Burr, Jr., and Reps. S. J. Lowrie and E. A. Vogler.

Committee on Finance.—P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, and Reps. W. J. Hoke and H. H. Hobbs.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—Reps. J. E. Morris, R. C. Donnell and P. G. Foster.

Committee on By-Laws.—Reps. W. H. Clark, E. T. Rice and Geo. D. Boggan.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Thos. Williams, A. J. Veal and E. J. Johnston.

Committee on Subordinate Lodges not Represented.—Reps. J. Thos. Wheat, W. B. Whitfield and T. D. Cooper.

An appeal from Bro. J. M. Newson, of Mountain Lodge No. 19, against the action of said Lodge in refusing him benefits, when he contended he was entitled to them, with the proceedings of that Lodge in the case, was presented to this Grand Body, when, on motion, said appeal was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

An appeal from Piedmont Lodge No. 25, in connection with the action of said Lodge, in the case of Joshua Letser, was presented by Gr'd. Warden J. A. Weirman, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Rep. Wheat, of Samaritan Lodge No. 31, presented a protest, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, offered the following:

WHEREAS, The Committee to prepare Rules of Order has failed to report,

Resolved, That said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the whole matter be referred to P G. Rep. Jno N. Washington, with a request that he report at the next Communication of this Body

Which, on motion, was adopted.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Correspondence of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Which motion was carried.

Rep. E. A. Vogler, of Salem Lodge, No. 36, presented an appeal from John B. Kingsbury, against the action of said Lodge, in expelling him without legal notice, which appeal was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report: That they have had referred a certificate from Clarendon Lodge, No. 45, stating that P. G. Rep. Talcott Burr, jr., had been duly elected Representative. They find the certificate correct, and recommend that the Representative named be allowed to take a seat in this Body.

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. NEWBY,
W. H. CLARK,
ROBT. C. DONNELL.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell offered the following:

Resolved, That from and after the first of July next, the members of Brown Creek Lodge, No. 43, held at White's Store, Anson county, shall have the privilege of holding their stated meetings twice every month, which times are to be determined by said Lodge immediately upon the reception of this resolution.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be, and the same is hereby, declared inoperative, unless it meets the concurrence of Brown Creek Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of Brown Creek Lodge, immediately upon the adjournment of this Grand Body.

Which were all adopted.

Rep. P. G. Foster presented a petition from Winchester Lodge No. 16, praying a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge to alter the time of holding the meetings of said Lodge from the first and third Saturday nights to the same time in the day, said Lodge having voted for the above change, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. W. J. Hoke presented the following query: What course has a Lodge to take when brothers become enemies upon political affairs, and the facts cannot be brought out without introducing political discussion in the Lodge?

On motion, the query was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. W. B. Whitfield offered the following:

Resolved, That Friendship Lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., have leave to hold semi-monthly meetings instead of weekly meetings, commencing with the first Saturday in July next.

Which was carried.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell offered the following:

Resolved, That each Lodge in good standing within this Jurisdiction be allowed to have one public celebration and procession, in Regalia, during the present official year.

The resolution was, on motion, adopted.

P. G. J. E. Morris offered the following:

Resolved, That no Representative shall be entitled to receive pay for his attendance at the meetings of this Grand Lodge, whenever such Representative shall leave this Body before its adjournment; provided, always, that sickness of himself or family, or death of any member of his family shall be a good and sufficient excuse for said Representative leaving.

Rep. T. H. Hardenbergh then moved an adjournment to 3 o'clock this afternoon, which was carried.

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3 o'clock, P. M., May 8th, 1854.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order, M. W. Grand Master Walter L. Steele in the Chair.

The question was taken upon the referrence of Rep. J. E. Morris' resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, and was lost.

The question was then called for upon the passage of the resolution, when, after some debate, Rep. W. J. Hoke moved to amend the resolution by adding, "any other good and valid excuse, to be determined by the Grand Lodge."

Rep. T. Burr, jr., moved to amend by laying the whole subject upon the table. The question being taken upon the motion to lay upon the table, it was lost.

The question was then taken upon the amendment of Rep. Hoke, which was adopted.

P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington then moved to lay the whole subject upon the table, which motion, on being put, was lost.

The question was then called upon the passage of the resolution as amended, when Rep. T. Burr, jr., again moved to lay the whole subject upon the table. The Grand Master declared the latter motion out of order. Rep. Burr appealed from the decision of the Chair. The question being taken upon the appeal, the Chair was sustained by the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington offered as a substitute the following:

Resolved, That the expenses of no Representative to this Grand Lodge, who shall leave before the expiration of the Communication to which he may be elected, shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, unless the Representative so leaving shall have previously obtained leave of absence upon good and valid excuse rendered to and accepted by the Grand Lodge.

The question was then taken upon the substitute, which was adopted.

The question was then taken upon the resolution as amended, and carried.

Rep. W. J. Hoke offered additional Bye-Laws from Mountain Lodge, No. 19, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Bye-Laws.

Rep. W. J. Hoke presented a petition from Mecklenburg Declaration Lodge, No. 9, for permission to reinstate James T. Wearn, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

D. G. M. W. S. G. Andrews, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer negotiate a loan in behalf of the Grand Lodge, with one of the Banks in this town, for the sum of six hundred dollars.

Which motion was adopted.

Rep. Ezzell, of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, asked leave to offer an appeal from the decision of Friendship Lodge, No. 47, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The Rep. of Excelsior Lodge obtained permission from the Grand Lodge to refer the Bye-Laws of said Lodge to the Committee on Bye-Laws, to report any alteration necessary thereon.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND REP.'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Representative from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to say, that they have had the same under advisement; and, after a careful perusal and examination of its contents, find but one topic that requires a specific reference to any one of the standing Committees of this Grand Body, which said topic has reference to the mergement of the two branches of our Order. This subject was appropriately referred to the Committee on the State of the Order at this morning's Session, which obviates every reason why it should be referred a second time. The Committee concur in the main in the sentiments contained in the Grand Representative's Report, as also his suggestions, believing that, if properly carried into execution, they would greatly tend to the advancement and prosperity of the Institution of Odd Fellowship. In conclusion, we would recommend said Report to the careful attention of all members of our Order, at pre-

sent subsisting within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Body.—With this Report, we beg leave to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.

R. A. CALDWELL,
NORTON W. COOK,
RICH'D W. KING.

On motion the above Report was concurred in.

P. G. Rep. T. Burr, jr., offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, to-morrow afternoon, at 3½ o'clock.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of N. C.:

The Committee on Petitions most respectfully recommend that Charters be granted to Palmetto Lodge, No. 48, Hardenbergh Lodge, No. 49, and to Edgecombe Lodge, No. 50, to work under, instead of the Dispensations now granted said Lodges.

Most respectfully submitted.

THOS. WILLIAMS,
A. J. VEAL,
J. H. JOHNSON.

On motion, the above Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions would respectfully recommend that the R. W. Grand Lodge grant to Winchester Lodge, No. 16, a Dispensation, authorizing them to hold their meetings in the day instead of the night, on the 1st and 3d Saturdays in each month.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. WILLIAMS,
A. J. VEAL,
J. H. JOHNSON.

On motion the Report was concurred in.

Rep. J. T. Wheat presented the following:

Query.—What position does a Past Grand, whose Lodge has surrendered its Charter, occupy in a Lodge where he has deposited his Certificate of Membership, obtained from the Grand Lodge?

By request of Rep. Wheat, the Query was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

P. G. Thos. M. Gardner offered the following:

Resolved, That Rep. W. B. Myers be requested to take charge of the Books, Papers, &c., of the late Covenant Lodge, No. 17.

Which motion was adopted.

Rep. P. G. Foster offered the following:

RESOLVED, That Rep. Thos. Williams be requested to take charge of the Books, Papers, &c., of the late Occidental Lodge, No. 33.

Which motion was adopted.

Rep. P. G. Foster moved that Rep. E. T. Rice be requested to take charge of the Books, Papers, &c., of the late Franklin Lodge, No. 12, Louisburg, which was carried.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell offered the following:

RESOLVED, That there be added to the list of Committees a Standing Committee on Unfinished Business.

The motion was adopted, and the following brothers appointed said Committee: P. G's. C. Lutterloh, —— Carlton and John Hartman.

M. W. G. M., Walter L. Steele, appointed Bro. Henry D. Gilbert, Scarlet member of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, Steward of this Grand Body during its present Session, with the usual compensation.

P. G. Rep., Jno. N. Washington, offered the following:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Representative proceed to instruct the Grand Lodge in the unwritten work of the Order.

Which was assented to.

Whereupon G. R., Walter L. Steele, instructed the Grand Representatives in the unwritten work of the Order.

P. G. Rep., Jno. N. Washington, offered the following:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge adjourn, to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Which motion prevailed, when the Grand Lodge adjourned to the time specified.

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11 o'CLOCK, A. M., May 9th, 1854.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, the M. W. G. M., Walter L. Steele, in the Chair.

Prayer by P. G., Rev. A. Paul Repiton, acting G. Chaplain.

The proceedings of the previous day were read, and after some amendments, were approved.

By request of Rep. W. B. Myers, the Committee on Correspondence were granted leave of absence to attend properly to the duty devolving upon them.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully Report: That they have examined Certificates of Representation from Manteo Lodge, No. 8, and Concordia Lodge, No. 11, stating that P. G. Henry Porter has been elected Representative from the former, and P. G. A. C. Davis, from the latter. The Committee find the Certificates correct. A Certificate has been

presented to your Committee, stating that P. G., Rev. A. Paul Repiton, has been appointed proxy Representative from Thaddeus Lodge, No. 5. Your Committee find, on examination, that such Representation is in conflict with a Law of this Body, found on Page 363 of the bound Journals of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. NEWBY,
W. H. CLARK,
ROB'T C. DONNELL.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the appended resolution:

RESOLVED, That P. G's. Porter and Davis, be admitted to seats, and receive such P. O. Degrees as they may be entitled to.

On motion, the Report of the Committee, with the accompanying resolution, were adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following Query of Rep. John T. Wheat, of Samaritan Lodge, viz: "What position does a Past Grand, whose Lodge has surrendered its Charter, occupy in a Lodge where he has deposited his Certificate of Membership, obtained from the Grand Lodge," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that, in no point of view, can they see how the surrendering of the Charter of a Lodge into the hands of the Grand Lodge can affect the position of those of its members who were in good standing at the time of the surrender, and who have subsequently obtained Certificates of Membership in the manner laid down by the Laws of the Order. It certainly does not deprive Degree members, who thus deposited their Certificates of Membership in other Lodges, of the Degrees which they have taken; and your Committee cannot perceive any reason why Past Grands so situated should be placed upon a different footing. They are, therefore, unanimously of the opinion that their positions as Past Grands are in no way affected by their Lodges having surrendered their Charters; provided they have obtained Certificates of Membership from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
R. A. CALDWELL,
E. J. JOHNSON.

On motion, the Report was received and concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom Bro. Wm. J. Hoke presented the following Query for solution, which said Query is as follows: "What course has a Lodge to take when brothers become enemies upon political affairs, and the facts cannot be brought out without introducing political discussion in the Lodge," report, that they have had the same under consideration, and have bestowed the attention upon it that the nature of the question required, the result of which is as follows:—The Committee are unable to conceive the occurrence of a case to which the above mentioned Query is strictly applicable. A Subordinate Lodge unquestionably has the right to enquire into, and ascertain, any and all facts that generate difficulties between its members, such a power being essential to its self-preservation. That political or religious discussions naturally flow from such investigations, is not apparent; on the contrary, they would entirely be irrelevant.—The soundness or unsoundness of any principle or principles, advocated by one member of a Subordinate Lodge and opposed by another, never produce irreconcilable differences between them, let the principle appertain to either politics, morals or religion. Other causes produce these results. This is apparent to any mind gifted with the slightest power of contemplation. Hence, in the investigation of any facts that produce such alienation among the members of a Lodge, as mar its harmony or concord, the truth or fallacy of any political principle is not necessarily involved. In the heat of discussions, one Odd-Fellow may charge his brother member with things, the truth of which would implicate his integrity.—That a similar case to this gave rise to the foregoing Query, the Committee are fully convinced—and not a political difficulty—and hence, in the investigation of it, political or other irrelevant discussions are, and can be, included, without detriment to the character of either of the opposing parties. The Committee therefore conclude, that a Subordinate Lodge has full and complete power, in any and all cases, of which it has cognizance, to enquire into the truth of the same, provided dissensions result from them, it matters not in what they originate.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
R. A. CALDWELL,
E. J. JOHNSON.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the so-called appeal from Piedmont Lodge, No. 25, beg leave to report, that they examined such papers as have been presented to them, and find no appeal or other communications from that Lodge, there being only a defence and no charge: therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

T. BURR, Jr.,
SAM'L J. LOWRIE,
E. A. VOGLER.

On motion, the Report was concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee having under consideration the petition from Mecklenburg Declaration Lodge, No. 9, for permission to reinstate James T. Wearn, who has been expelled from said Lodge, recommend that permission be granted to Mecklenburg Declaration Lodge, by the Grand Lodge, to reinstate said J. T. Wearn to membership with the Mecklenburg Declaration Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. WILLIAMS,
A. J. VEAL,
J. H. JOHNSON.

On motion, the report was concurred in.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell offered the following:

RESOLVED, That from and after the first of July next, all and every Officer of a Subordinate Lodge, (acting Past Grands alone excepted,) be and the same are hereby required to commit to memory the several charges appertaining to their respective offices, within one month from the date of their installation, and every Officer failing to comply with these requisitions shall be liable and subject to such penalties as the Lodge of which he is a member shall impose.

P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington moved to amend, by striking out all after the word "Installation."

The question being taken on the amendment, it was carried.

The question was then taken upon the passage of the Resolution as amended, and was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom were referred the papers presented by the Representative of Samaritan Lodge, beg leave most respectfully to report: That the papers are not in due form to

come before this Grand Lodge, and therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Fraternally submitted.

T. BURR, Jr.,
SAM'L J. LOWRIE,
E. A. VOGLER.

On motion, the Report was concurred in.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Rep. W. J. Hoke moved to amend by inserting 2½, P. M.

The question was taken upon the amendment and carried, when the resolution as amended was adopted.

2½ o'clock, P. M., Tuesday, May 9th, 1854.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, the M. W. Grand Master, Walter L. Steele, in the Chair.

Rep. R. A. Caldwell moved to expunge a part of this mornings proceedings; when the Grand Master decided that such a motion was not known in our order. An appeal was then taken from the decision of the Chair. The question being taken upon the appeal, the Grand Lodge sustained the decision of the Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns and Reports, having made the necessary examination, present the following report:

They find the following Returns and Reports for the term ending June 30th, 1854, to be in due form:

LODGES.	NO.	LODGES.	NO.
Washington,	3	Oriental,	24
Cross Creek,	4	Piedmont,	25
Thaddeus,	5	Esperanza,	28
Eureka,	7	Falling Creek,	29
Mecklenburg Declaration,	9	Yadkin,	30
Phalanx,	10	Howard,	35
Achoree,	14	Constantia,	38
Winchester,	16	Excelsior,	41
Smyrna	18	Brown Creek,	43
Mountain,	19	Farmington,	46
Muchuena,	20		

The following Reports have no seal attached:

Cape Fear,	2	Caswell,	32
Neuse,	6	Contentnea,	34

LODGES.	NO.	LODGES.	NO.
Manteo,	8	Salem,	36
Concordia,	11	Olive Branch,	37
Buena Vista,	21	Pee Dee,	39
Tuscarora,	22	Catawba,	40
North State,	26	Lumber River,	42
Columbus,	27	Enterprise,	44
Samaritan,	31	Clarendon,	45

The following Reports and Returns for the term ending December 31st, 1853, are in proper form:

Cape Fear,	2	Oriental,	24
Washington,	3	Piedmont,	25
Cross Creek,	4	Esperanza,	28
Thaddeus,	5	Falling Creek,	29
Mecklenburg Declaration,	9	Yadkin,	30
Phalanx,	10	Samaritan,	31
Achoree,	14	Howard,	35
Winchester,	16	Olive Branch,	37
Smyrna,	18	Constantia,	38
Muchuena,	20	Excelsior,	41
Tuscarora,	22		

The following Reports and Returns have no seals attached:

Neuse,	6	Pee Dee,	39
Eureka,	7	Catawba,	40
Manteo,	8	Lumber River,	42
Concordia,	11	Brown Creek,	43
Mountain,	19	Enterprise,	44
Buena Vista,	21	Farmington,	46
North State,	26	Friendship,	47
Columbus,	27	Palmetto,	48
Caswell,	32	Hardenbergh,	49
Contentnea,	34	Edgecombe, (has no seal,)	40
Salem,	36	Clarendon, (no report,)	45

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. E. MORRIS,
P. G. FOSTER,
ROB'T C. DONNELL,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

I resign the office of Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order, and beg leave to be excused from serving on that Committee altogether.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON.

P. G. A. Paul Repiton moved to excuse P. G. Rep. J. N. Washington, which motion was adopted.

The *M. W. G. M., W. L. Steele*, appointed *Rep. A. C. Davis*,

of Concordia Lodge, upon the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of *D. G. M. W. S. G. Andrews*, it was

RESOLVED, That we go into secret session for fifteen minutes.

On motion of *Rep. S. J. Lowrie*, the Grand Lodge resumed business.

The time having arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Master appointed *Reps. Hoke* and *Johnson* to receive and superintend the ballots, after which nominations for the respective offices were received, as follows:

FOR GRAND MASTER.

Rep. E. T. Rice nominated *D. G. M., W. S. G. Andrews.*
Rep. S. J. Lowrie " *P. G. Rep., J. N. Washington.*

The votes being cast, and the Tellers having reported *D. G. M., W. S. G. Andrews*, as having received a majority of all the votes given, the *M. W. G. M., Walter L. Steele*, declared him duly elected Grand Master for the ensuing term of the Grand Lodge.

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Rep. Carlton nominated *Rep. W. J. Hoke.*
Rep. H. L. Ward " " *S. J. Lowrie.*

A ballot being had, the Tellers reported that Rep. Wm. J. Hoke had received a majority of all the votes cast, when the Grand Master declared him duly elected.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

Rep. W. L. Hargrave nominated *P. G., S. D. Wallace.*

D. G. M., W. S. G. Andrews, nominated *P. G., Thomas M. Gardner.*

A ballot being had, the Tellers reported that P. G., Thomas M. Gardner, had received a majority of all the votes cast, when the M. W. G. M. declared him duly elected.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington nominated *P. G. Rep. A. Paul Repiton.*

Rep. W. J. Hoke nominated *P. G. John J. Conoley.*

A ballot being had, the Tellers reported P. G., A. Paul Repiton, as having received a majority of all the votes cast, when the M. W. G. M. declared him duly elected.

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

Rep. Johnson nominated *Rep. E. A. Vogler.*
Rep. A. C. Davis " " *J. E. Morris.*

Rep. L. C. Wheat nominated *Rep. W. B. Myers.*
Rep. E. T. Rice " " *W. H. Clark.*
Rep. T. J. Blakely " " *R. W. King.*

P. G., J. E. Morris, having received a majority of all the votes cast, the M. W. G. M. declared him duly elected.

FOR GRAND CHAPLAIN.

P. G. M., J. B. Newby, nominated *P. G. Rev. J. McDaniel.*
P. G., A. Paul Repiton, " *Rep. Thos. Williams.*
P. G., R. C. Donnell, " *P. G. Rev. M. L. Douglas.*
P. G., R. W. King, " *P. G., T. J. Blakely.*
P. G. Rep. J. N. Washington " *P. G. Rev. A. P. Repiton.*

P. G. Repiton declined being run on this occasion.

The votes were cast, when the Tellers reported that P. G., M. L. Douglas, had received a majority of all the votes, when the M. W. G. M. declared him duly elected.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE G. L. U. S.

P. G. M., T. H. Hardenbergh, nominated *M. W. G. M., Walter L. Steele.*

Rep. James Tomlinson nominated *Rep. R. A. Caldwell.*

P. G. Repiton nominated *P. G. Rep. John N. Washington*, who declined having his name run.

A ballot being had, the Tellers reported that M. W. G. M., Walter L. Steele, had received a majority of all the votes polled, when D. G. M. Andrews, declared him duly elected *R. W. G. Rep. G. L. U. S.*

Rep. *W. B. Myers* offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That satisfactory evidence having been presented to this Grand Lodge of the good standing of Stephen F. Johnson, as a member of Covenant Lodge, No. 19, (defunct.) at the time said Lodge ceased to work: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Bro. Stephen F. Johnson be provided by this Grand Lodge with a Certificate, under the Seal of the Grand Lodge, attested by the Grand Secretary, whereby he may be enabled to become a member of some Lodge now under this Jurisdiction.

Rep. *Thomas Williams* offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That each Lodge within this State, having Dispensations to meet semi-monthly, instead of weekly, are required to hold three meetings in the months of June and December, so as to hold 26 meetings within two semi-annual terms.

Rep. *P. G. Foster* offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That all the Subordinate Lodges be required to procure *Metallic* Seals, with which to authenticate all documents requiring authentication by Seal.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find that they have been correctly kept—that the sums

credited the Grand Lodge correspond in amount with his receipts in the possession of the Grand Secretary, and that all sums charged are supported by proper vouchers. The items of the receipts and expenditures are set forth in full, and are embodied in the Report of the M. W. Grand Master. It is, therefore, deemed unnecessary to report them here.

The Committee find it will be impossible for them to audit and report upon the accounts of the Grand Secretary, and the state of the accounts of the Subordinate Lodges with this Grand Lodge, in sufficient time to report at this Session. But as the subject is one of importance, they pray to be discharged from the consideration thereof, and recommend the adoption of the resolution appended to this report.

Your Committee take great pleasure in stating that they have, after a careful examination, come to the conclusion that the probable expenses of the next Session, as well as the payment of the loan authorized during the present Session, will probably be met from the revenue produced by the present tax of 15 per cent. upon the receipts of the Subordinate Lodges. This conclusion is based partly upon the fact that, in the expenses of the past year are included many items which will not again occur, amounting to more than $300, and also that the increased facilities of travel will diminish, to some extent, the cost of reaching this place, especially from the western part of the State.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. HARDENBERGH,
WM. J. HOKE,
H. H. HOBBS.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of three members residing in Wilmington be appointed, whose duty it shall be, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, fully to audit the accounts of the Grand Secretary, and the accounts of the different Subordinate Lodges with this Grand Lodge; also to examine the reports of the Subordinate Lodges, with a view of ascertaining if the amount of dues to the Grand Lodge are estimated as they should be, upon the whole amount of dues, or only upon the amount of cash actually received, and report, either to the Grand Master or to this Grand Lodge, at its next Session, whichever the Committee may deem best for the benefit of the Order; and the Grand Master, if report be made to him, shall take such order thereon as this subject may, in his opinion, require.

RESOLVED, That for the year 1854, Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be assessed, and required to pay over to the Installing Officer fifteen per cent. upon the amount received for Initiations, Degrees, Dues, and Deposit Cards.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Finance was received, and, with the accompanying resolutions, concurred in.

The Committee of Finance present herewith the account of Grand Secretary Repiton, for his services for the year ending the present Session—$200; also his account for postage, sta-

tionery, &c., $20 87,—both of which they recommend should be allowed and directed to be paid.

T. H. HARDENBERGH,
WM. J. HOKE,
H. H. HOBBS.

On motion the report was adopted.

P. G. M., *J. B. Newby*, moved to adjourn to 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, which motion prevailed.

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10 o'clock, MAY 10TH, A. M., 1854.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by P. G., Rev. A. Paul Repiton, the M. W. Grand Master, Walter L. Steele, in the Chair.

Rep. J. T. Wheat, of Samaritan Lodge, moved to go into secret session for a few minutes.

After a short interim, P. G. Thomas M. Gardner moved that the Grand Lodge resume its ordinary business, which motion was carried.

P. G. M., J. B. Newby, offered the following, which was carried:

RESOLVED, That the sum of eight dollars be paid to P. G. M., Walter L. Steele, which amount was paid by him for the printing of his report as Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Past Grands W. L. Smith, Stephen D. Wallace and John J. Conoley a Committee to carry out the resolutions of the Committee of Finance.

Rep. A. J. Veal moved to proceed to the Installation of the officers elect, which motion was concurred in.

The M. W. Grand Master requested P. G. Masters T. H. Hardenbergh and J. B. Newby to present the officers elect to be regularly installed into their respective offices, when

P. G., W. S. G. Andrews was installed		M. W. Grand Master.
" W. J. Hoke,	" "	R. W. D. G. "
" Thos. M. Gardner,	" "	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Rev. A. Paul Repiton,	" "	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" J. E. Morris,	" "	W. Grand Warden.
" Rev. M. L. Douglas, declared		W. Grand Chaplain.

M. W. G. M., W. S. G. Andrews, made the following appointments:

P. G., W. H. Clark,	- -	W. Grand Conductor.
" E. A. Vogler,	- -	W. Grand Guardian.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee in relation to the Report of *R. W. G. M., W. L. Steele*, on the subject of a mergement of the two branches

of our Order into one, and an expression of our sentiments in regard to the propriety of such an end, beg to report: that they have given the subject the consideration which its importance to the Order demands, and they are unanimously of the opinion, that from the inequalities and other causes arising in the operations of the Encampments, that it is essential to the general progress of Odd Fellowship, to discontinue the Encampment as a separate branch of the Order.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

RESOLVED, That our Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to urge upon that Grand Body the necessity of abolishing the Encampment as a seperate branch of the Order, and of conferring authority upon the Subordinate Lodges to confer the Encampment degrees on proper applicants.

Respectfully submitted.

The Report was received and unanimously adopted, with the accompanying Resolution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom has been submitted the Letter Book of the Grand Master, and various documents connected with the Correspondence of this Body, beg leave to report.

Your Committee find that permission has been granted by the Grand Master, to Neuse and Contentnea Lodges to change the time of meeting.

A decision has been made by the Grand Master, upon a case referred to him to the effect, that Subordinate Lodges have the right, for good cause, (to be determined by the Lodge,) to annul a withdrawal card within twelve months after the issue of the same, the effect of which annulment is to bring the person holding the card again under the control of the Lodge.

It has likewise been decided by the Grand Master, that if a member is debarred from benefits, according to the Laws of his Lodge, by reason of non-payment of dues, and the member be taken sick, his dues cannot be paid during such sickness, with the view of thereby entitling him to benefits.

Other decisions of minor importance have been made, which your Committee deem it unnecessary to enumerate, though they fully concur therein.

In regard to a letter from the Grand Master, to the N. G. of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37, dated July 4, 1853, and also to P. G. J. B. Lucus, of same date, your Committee beg leave to state, that whilst they approve the principle laid down by

the Grand Master, they nevertheless do not feel called upon to decide on the legality of the questions at issue; they therefore recommend reference of the same to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The letter of P. G. J. Proctor, in the hands of your Committee, and referred to in the report of the Grand Master, as also sundry papers relative to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, your Committee recommend be referred to the Committee of Finance.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions.

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. NEWBY,
W. B. MYERS,
WILL. LOFTIN HARGRAVE.

RESOLVED, That the decisions of the Grand Master, in the two cases recited above, be affirmed by the Grand Lodge.

RESOLVED, That the action of the Grand Master in regard to Neuse and Contentnea Lodges, be approved.

On motion, the report of the Committee, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. Newson, from Mountain Lodge, beg leave to report that the case is as follows: Bro. J. W. Newson was in arrears to Mountain Lodge for about two years, when he was taken sick; during the time he was sick, he paid his dues to the Lodge, after he had been notified to do so by the Secretary. A Bye-Law of Mountain Lodge deprives a brother of benefits who is nine months in arrears. Bro. Newson applied to the Lodge for benefits for the time which he was sick, after he had paid his dues; the Lodge refused to grant the benefits, from which Bro. Newson appealed to the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee think that the action of Mountain Lodge was legal, and in accordance with the law of the G. L. U. S., (see printed Journal of G. L. N. C., vol. 1st, page 202,) and therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

T. BURR, JR.,
SAM'L J. LOWRIE,
E. A. VOGLER.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal from Friendship Lodge, beg leave most respectfully to report: That they have had the papers submitted to them under careful consideration, and from all the facts there shown, must believe that the expulsion of George C. Jones, from Friendship Lodge, was unconstitutional. There is great informality in the proceedings. The expelled member, from all the evidence before the Committee, was not regularly served with a copy of the charge preferred against him. A paper writing, in the nature of a summons, was sent to him to attend a meeting of his Lodge, for the purpose of investigation and settling differences between the brother, who, it is alleged preferred the charge, and himself; but the nature of those charges is not given—in fact, they are no charges whatever. Again: There is no evidence of the substantiation of the so called charge; there is, indeed, the record of the expulsion of Bro. Jones, by his Lodge, but it does not appear that there was a Committee appointed to duly examine the case, and there is no report whatever, except a paper stating the grounds of complaint against Bro. Jones, drawn up by the member who preferred the charges or allegation in the first place. For these and other informalities, the Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the expulsion of Bro. George C. Jones, from Friendship Lodge, was not constitutionally done, and that the whole matter be referred back to the Lodge, for them to take such action as they may deem proper in the premises.

Fraternally submitted.

T. BURR, JR.,
SAM'L J. LOWRIE,
E. A. VOGLER.

The report of the Committee, with the resolution submitted, was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted a report, which, on motion, was adopted.

P. G. W. B. Myers moved a reconsideration of the vote upon the reception of the report from the Committee, which was carried.

The Committee then asked leave to withdraw said report, which request was granted and the report withdrawn.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BYE-LAWS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Bye-Laws beg leave to make the fol-

lowing report :—We have examined the Constitution and Bye-Laws of Farmington Lodge, No. 46, and find them in every particular, in accordance with the General Laws.

North State Lodge, No. 26, proposes to amend the following Article of its Constitution, viz : Article 6, Sections 1 and 2, and to add a fifth Section to Article 11 ; they also propose to amend Article 3, Section 2, and Article 6, Sections 9, 15, 18, 20, 22 and 26 of their Bye-Laws—all of which amendments proposed being in accordance with the General Laws, we recommend that their request be granted.

We find, on examination of the Constitution and Bye-Laws of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37, that they are correct.

We have also had under consideration several amendments to the Bye-Laws proposed by Mecklenburg Declaration Lodge, No. 9, all of which we would recommend the adoption of by said Lodge, except the fifth, which we think, if not in violation of the General Laws, not in accordance with the principle of Odd Fellowship, and therefore recommend that the fifth amendment proposed be not inserted among their Bye-Laws.

We have also had under consideration amendments to Bye-Laws proposed to be made by Excelsior Lodge, No. 41, and recommend that the 12th Article be amended as proposed. We also recommend that, in amending Article 14th, some particular amount shall be named.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. CLARK,
GEO. D. BOGGAN,
E. T. RICE.

On motion, the report was concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LODGES NOT REPRESENTED.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Lodges not represented, beg leave to report, that the following Lodges are not represented :

LODGES.	NO.	LODGES.	NO.
Washington,	3	Occidental,	33
Oriental,	24	Contentnea,	34
Piedmont,	25	Catawba,	40
Columbus,	27	Enterprise,	44
Caswell,	32		

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. T. WHEAT,
T. D. COOPER,
WM. B. WHITFIELD.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business of the last Session, beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined the Journals, and find the following proceedings:—On page 34 appears a resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Communications of this Grand Lodge shall hereafter commence on the Tuesday after the fourth Monday of May in each and every year

The resolution will be brought up for action at the next Session of this Grand Body.

Also, on page 40, the Committee on Revision of Constitution and General Laws was continued, to report at this Session.

Your Committee believe the above comprises all the unfinished business of last Session, which has not already received the attention of your R. W. Grand Body during the present Session.

Respectfully submitted.

C. LUTTERLOH,
C. A. CARLTON,
JNO. M. HARTMAN.

On motion of P. G. Thos. M. Gardner, the above report was to be made the subject of consideration at 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievanecs, to whom was referred the appeal of J. B. Kingsbury, beg leave to report: That it appears from the papers which are herewith submitted, that there was no notice given to the defendant of the charges preferred against him, which proceeding being directly in contravention of a positive Law of the G. L. U. S., (see Digest, page 50,) was illegal, and therefore void.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the expulsion of J. B. Kingsbury by Salem Lodge was illegal and void—that said J. B. Kingsbury be reinstated to his rights in said Lodge—that the whole matter be referred to Salem Lodge to take such action in the premises as they see fit, not in contravention of Law.

Respectfully submitted.

T. BURR, Jr.,
SAM'L J. LOWRIE,
E. A. VOGLER.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred an official communication from P. G. M. Walter L. Steele, to the members of Samaritan Lodge, relative to the propriety of admitting members not in good health into Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report: That they have considered the same, and conclude that the views set forth by the Grand Master in his communication are correct, and are unanimously of opinion that the annexed resolution would meet the approbation of this Grand Body.

RESOLVED, That it is inexpedient for Subordinate Lodges to initiate into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship, any persons whose health is impaired by disease.

Respectfully submitted.

R. A. CALDWELL,
E. J. JOHNSON,
A. C. DAVIS.

On motion, the Report, with the Resolutions, was adopted.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Representatives to this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby authorized, on their return to their respective Lodges, to confer the P. G's Degree on all P. Gs., and the honorary Degree of Past Vice Grand and Past Secretary upon all Brothers who have been elected to and actually performed the duties of those offices.

Rep. J. T. Wheat offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to P. G. Master Walter L. Steele, for the able, efficient and dignified manner in which he has performed the various and arduous duties devolving upon the high position which he has filled in our Order, during the past year.

P. G. M. Walter L. Steele offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That hereafter it shall be legal to give notice of charges preferred for a violation of law, either by presenting the notice to the person charged, or depositing the same in the Post Office, directed to the address of the offending brother.

P. G. M. Walter L. Steele offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction be required to keep a book, in which the Secretary shall record the name of every person rejected, suspended or expelled, by any Lodge in the State.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by Rep. W. L. Hargrave, and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, Official information having been received by this Body, of the death of P. G. M. Perrin Busbee of Raleigh; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That by the death of our lamented Brother P. G. M. Perrin Busbee, the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of North Carolina has been deprived of a zealous and distinguished member.

RESOLVED, That in testimony of our high regard for his many estimable qualities, and of our deep affliction at our loss, we wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days, and enshroud our Charter with crape for the same period of time.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Grand Secretary

the family of our deceased Brother, as an expression of our sincere sympathy and condolence.

RESOLVED, That copies be also furnished the papers of Wilmington and Raleigh for publication.

P. G. R. Jno. N. Washington offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That whenever a Subordinate Lodge makes a grant of money to any of its members or other persons, and its proper officers have drawn and signed a draft upon its Treasurer for the same, which draft the Treasurer refuses to pay, the Lodge has no right to reconsider the resolution and refuse the grant, having lost all control of the subject, upon the delivery of the draft upon the Treasurer, the Treasurer himself not having the right to refuse payment therof.

Rep. Sam'l J. Lowrie offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to direct all Subordinate Lodges to append to each semi-annual return the name of the Post Office most convenient to said Lodge, and that the name of the Post Office of each Subordinate Lodge be published opposite to the name of said Lodge, in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. E. A. Vogler offered the following:

RESOLVED, That from and after this Session of the Grand Lodge, any member of this Order who desires to appeal from the action of this Lodge, must give notice thereof to his Lodge, within three months from the date of such action.

The resolution was, on motion, adopted.

A motion was made to adjourn to 3½ o'clock, which was lost.

A motion was then made to adjourn to 3 o'clock, which was also rejected.

After which, a motion was made to adjourn to 2½ o'clock, which motion was adopted.

2½ o'CLOCK, P. M., May 10th, 1854.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, the M. W. G. M. W. S. G. Andrews in the Chair.

P. G. M. Walter L. Steele offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary be required, at the expense of this Grand Lodge, to visit the city of Raleigh, as soon as practicable, and procure from P. G. Secretary Cook, all the property of the Grand Lodge in his possession.

P. G. M. W. S. G. Andrews appointed P. Rs. W. B. Myers and J. A. Weirman to prepare the Charters for delivery.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Master take the necessary steps to procure the Charter Books, and other property of Occidental Lodge, No. 33, said Lodge having forfeited its Charter.

P. G. Richard W. King offered the following, which was, on motion, laid on the table:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary credit Tuscarora Lodge with the sum of seven dollars and seventy-seven cents, the amount due Tuscarora Lodge on Grand Secretary Cook's Books.

P. G. E. A. Vogler presented the following, which, on motion, was rejected:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Farmington Lodge, No. 46, soon after its organization, forwarded to the Grand Secretary the amount due from them for Odes, Cards, &c., received of P. G. Peter Thurston, when organizing the Lodge, the bill amounting to $2 40. This amount was mailed in presence of, and can be testified to, by the Post Master of the village where said Lodge is located, as also by the Representative of Farmington Lodge now in this Grand Body, the latter enclosing the money, which, it appears, never reached the place of its destination, and Farmington Lodge now stands charged with the above named amount on the books of the Grand Secretary. I therefore move that the amount of two dollars and forty cents be placed to the credit of Farmington Lodge on the books of the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. VOGLER.

P. G. M. Walter L. Steele offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Congressional Districts in this State shall hereafter constitute the Districts for which D. D. Grand Masters shall be appointed.

The Grand Lodge took up the special order of business for this afternoon, being the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

P. G. Rep. John N. Washington moved to amend by inserting the 3d Monday in January.

P. G. R. A. Caldwell moved to amend by inserting the 4th Monday in May.

P. G. W. B. Myers moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter.

P. G. Sam'l J. Lowrie then moved to lay the whole subject upon the table.

The question was then taken upon the latter motion, and it was adopted.

P. G. R. A. Caldwell offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Body be, and the same are hereby required, at the end of each fiscal year, to report to this Grand Lodge the number of members at each year of age, from 21 to the oldest member; the number of sick at each year of age, from twenty-one upwards—and the duration of their sickness respectively, in weeks; the number of deaths of each age as above; the revenue of the Lodge; the amount paid on sick and mortality account; and the amount paid for current expenses, exclusive of benefits—said items to be arranged according to a form printed and furnished them (viz: said Subordinate Lodges) by the Grand Secretary. The report to be called the Statistical Report, to be seperate from

the report required by existing laws, and to be re-made in duplicate, one copy to be retained in the office of the State Grand Lodge, and the other to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary thereof, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The M. W. Grand Master proceeded to the appointment of Installing Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, which will be found on another page, immediately succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Sam'l. J. Lowrie moved a reconsideration of the motion just past to lay on the table, he having voted in the affirmative. The motion was adopted.

The question on the resolution relative to the time of holding the meetings of this Grand Body was then taken up, when P. G. Rep. John N. Washington offered as an amendment, the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the next Communication of this Grand Lodge be held on the *fourth Monday* of November, 1855, and that the Annual Communications thereafter commence on the 4th Monday of November in each and every year.

The question was then taken upon the resolution as amended, and was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred for consideration an official communication from P. G. M. Walter L. Steele to the members of Olive Branch Lodge, relative to the powers of installing officers for Subordinate Lodges, have examined the same and report: That they are unanimously of the opinion, that when an installing officer for a Subordinate Lodge has been appointed by the Grand Master, he has the privilege, being present, of inducting the officers of said Lodge into their respective offices. Should said installing officer, during the term of his office, be suspended or expelled, it is the duty of the Lodge of which he is a member to report the same to the Grand Master, who will see that a successor is properly appointed. Should his appointment give dissatisfaction to his Lodge, the Grand Master of the State, being duly notified thereof by action of the Subordinate Lodge, can remove him from his office, and supply the vacancy by a second appointment.

Respectfully submitted.

R. A. CALDWELL,
E. J. JOHNSON.
A. C. DAVIS.

The Report of the Committee was received and adopted.

A Communication addressed to the Grand Lodge by Rev.

W. J. Langdon, relative to the Seamen's Home and Bethel, was read.

P. G. R. Jno. N. Washington offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVEE, That we highly approve of the truly Benevolent Institution called the Seamen's Friends Society of Wilmington, and wish it all prosperity in charitable offices, and regret that the state of our finances will not permit us to offer it at this time more substantial encouragement.

Which resolution was adopted.

D. D. G. M. W. J. Hoke offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the R. W. G. Lodge now proceed to the election of a Grand Representative, to succeed Rep. E. G. Jones, for two years, from the 4th Monday in November, 1854.

The following nominations for G. R. G. L. U. S., were then made:

Rep. R. C. Donnell nominated *P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh.*
D. D. G. M. W. J. Hoke nominated *P. G. R. A. Caldwell.*
Rep. T. D. Cooper " " *J. A. Weirman.*
" W. L. Hargrave " " *E. A. Vogler.*

A ballot being had, P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh having obtained a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected G. R. G. L. U. S., for the term above specified.

P. G. W. H. Clark was, on motion, appointed to take charge of the books and effects of Occidental Lodge, No. 33, Gatesville.

Rep. E. A. Vogler, offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay the Steward attendant upon the sessions of this Grand Lodge, the usual compensation, together with such expenses as he may have incurred for Stationery, &c.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for the use of their Hall during the present sesion, and for all other marks of consideration and respect shown the members of this Grand Body.

On motion of D. G. M. W. J. Hoke, P. G. M. Walter L. Steele was requested to give instruction relative to parts of the work of the Order. The Resolution was carried out.

Rep. Sam'l J. Lowrie offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Rev. A. Paul Repiton, for the able and efficient manner in which he has performed the *onerous* duties of Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. J. A. Weirman offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to P. G. Treasurer Thos. M. Gardner for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Walter L. Steele offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction be requested to keep a book, in which the Secretary shall record the name of each person who has been either rejected, suspended or expelled by any Lodge in this State.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the following accounts of Officers and Representatives for expenses in attending the present session of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that they be paid:

Walter L. Steele,	Grand Master,				$27 00
W. S. G. Andrews,	Dept. G. Master,				5 00
J. A. Weirman,	Grand Warden,				45 00
Henry L. Ward,	"	Guardian,			35 50
J. B. Newby,	Rep. of	Cross Creek Lodge	No.	4,	20 00
J. W. Ezzell,	"	Neuse	" "	6	11 75
J. E. Morris,	"	Eureka	" "	7	28 33
Henry Porter,	"	Manteo	" "	8	24 00
S. J. Lowrie,	"	Mec. Decla'n	" "	9	38 85
T. H. Hardenbergh,	"	Phalanx	" "	10	25 00
A. C. Davis,	"	Concordia	" "	11	36 00
Wm. H. Clark	"	Achoree	" "	14	39 75
P. G. Foster	"	Winchester	" "	16	19 50
Allen L. Cooper,	"	Smyrna	" "	18	38 50
W. J. Hoke,	"	Mountain	" "	19	44 00
E. T. Rice,	"	Muchuena	" "	20	25 50
R. C. Donnell,	"	Buena Vista	" "	21	39 50
Thos. J. Blakely	"	Tuscarora	" "	22	22 50
E. J. Johnson,	"	Esperanza	" "	28	35 00
A. J. Veal,	"	Falling Creek	" "	29	24 00
T. D. Cooper,	"	Yadkin	" "	30	44 00
J. T. Wheat,	"	Samaritan	" "	31	34 75
Thos. Williams,	"	Howard	" "	35	49 00
E. A. Vogler,	"	Salem	" "	36	42 00
H. H. Hobbs,	"	Olive Branch	" "	37	14 50
W. L. Hargrave,	"	Constantia	" "	38	33 15
R. A. Caldwell,	"	Pee Dee	" "	39	34 00
C. A. Carlton,	"	Excelsior	" "	41	50 25
John Hartman,	"	Lumber River	" "	42	10 25
Jas. Tomlinson,	"	Brown Creek	" "	43	34 00
J. H. Johnson,	"	Farmington	" "	46	44 80
W. B. Whitfield,	"	Friendship	" "	47	10 75
G. D. Boggan,	"	Palmetto	" "	48	39 45
L. R. Gibson,	"	Hardenbergh	" "	49	43 50
W. B. Myers, (prx)	"	Edgecome	" "	50	14 50
					$1,083 58

Your Committee also recommend that, P. G. M. Steele, be paid eight dollars, ($8) as suggested by the resolution submitted by P. G. M. Newby, and referred to this Committee.

T. H. HARDENBERGH, WM. J. HOKE, H. H. HOBBS, } Committee of Finance.

P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That a Committee of three, from the Town of Wilmington, be appointed to superintend the printing of the proceedings of the present communication of this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to have the same ready for distribution by the 1st of July, if possible.

RESOLVED, *further*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill for printing the proceedings of the present Communication of the Grand Lodge, after it has been passed upon by the Committee to superintend the printing.

In order to carry out the above resolutions the M. W. Grand Master appointed as that Committee P. G. Rev. A. Paul Repiton, Wm. L. Smith and Thos. M. Gardner.

No other business appearing, on motion of P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet in this place, on the 4th Monday of November, 1855.

Prayer by P. G. Rev. A. Paul Repiton, acting Grand Chaplain.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Grand Secretary.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OFFICERS

From May, 1854, *to November*, 1855.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER,

W. S. G. ANDREWS,.....Goldsboro'.

RIGHT WORTHY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

WM. J. HOKE,.....Lincolnton.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY,

THOS. M. GARDNER,.....Wilmington.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER,

Rev. A. PAUL REPITON,.....Wilmington.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND WARDEN,

J. E. MORRIS,.....Newbern.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND CHAPLAIN,

Rev. M. L. DOUGLAS,.....Rockingham.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND LODGE U. S.,

E. G. JONES,.....Plymouth.
WALTER L. STEELE,.....Rockingham.
To succeed P. G. E. Jones,
T. H. HARDENBERGH,.....Washington.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1st District,.....P. G. W. H. Clark,
2d " .....G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh,
3d " ..... " A. Paul Repiton,
4th " ..... " E. T. Rice,
5th " .....P. G. E. A. Vogler,
6th " ..... " A. T. Zevely,
7th " ..... " S. J. Lowrie,
8th " ..... " E. J. Erwin,

INSTALLING OFFICERS,
From May, 1854, *to November*, 1855.

Cape Fear	Lodge, No.	2	P. G., Wm. L. Smith,
Washington	"	3	
Cross Creek	"	4	P. G. M. J. B. Newby,
Thaddius	"	5	P. G. G. W. Atkins,
Neuse	"	6	" Jno. W. Ezzell,
Eureka	"	7	" J. E. Morris,
Manteo	"	8	" P. T. Pescud,
Meck. Declar'n	"	9	" S. J. Lowrie,
Phalanx	"	10	P. G. M. T. H. Hardebergh,
Concordia	"	11	P. G. A. C. Davis,
Achoree	"	14	" W. H. Clarke,
Winchester	"	16	" P. G. Foster,
Smyrna	"	18	" Allen L. Cooper,
Mountain	"	19	" W. J. Hoke,
Muchuena	"	20	" E. J. Rice,
Buena Vista	"	21	" R. C. Donnell,
Tuscarora	"	22	" Thos. J. Blakely,
Oriental	"	24	" H. L. Ward,
Piedmont	"	25	" E. J. Erwin,
North State	"	26	" J. A. Weirman,
Columbus	"	27	" Rev. Haynes Lemon,
Esperanza	"	28	" E. J. Johnson,
Falling Creek	"	29	P G. M. Walter L. Steele,
Yadkin	"	30	P. G. T. D. Cooper,
Samaritan	"	31	" J. T. Wheat,
Caswell	"	32	" W. H. Childs,
Occidental	"	33	
Contentnea	"	34	" W. C. Blount,
Howard	"	35	" Thos. Williams,
Salem	"	36	" E. A. Vogler,
Olive Branch	"	37	" H. H. Hobbs,
Constantia	"	38	" W. L. Hargrave,
Pee Dee	"	39	" W. D. Boggan,
Catawba	"	40	" Wm. P. Reinhardt,
Excelsior	"	41	" R. F. Simonton,
Lumber River	"	42	" John Hartman,
Brown Creek	"	43	" James Tomlinson,
Enterprise	"	44	" O. Lipscombe,
Clarendon	"	45	" T. Burr, Jr.,
Farmington	"	46	" J. H. Johnson,
Friendship	"	47	" W. B. Whitfield,

Palmetto, Lodge, No. 48.....P. G. G. D. Boggan,
Hardenbergh " 49..... " Lee R. Gibson,
Edgecombe " 50..... " The Noble Grand

Grand Conductor,.....P. G. W. H. Clarke.
Grand Guardian,..... " E. A. Vogler.

RELIEF REPORT,

Of Subordinate Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, beginning January 1*st*, 1853, *ending December* 31*st*, 1853.

Lodges.	Number.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	Amount paid for the Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for burying the Dead.	Amount paid for the Education of Orphans.	Amount paid for the Relief of Widowed Families.	Total.
Cape Fear,.....	2	30	....	2	$387 00	$20 00	$27 00	.....	$434 00
Cross Creek,.....	4	2	....	....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Neuse,.....	6	2	....	....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00
Eureka.....	7	....	2	....	.....	.....	.....	$56 32	56 32
Meck. Decla'n.....	9	15	....	....	116 00	.....	.....	.....	116 00
Phalanx,.....	10	19	9	....	198 00	.....	34 25	98 00	320 25
Concordea,.....	11	....	1	....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Achoree,.....	14	12	1	2	201 00	50 00	.....	79 00	330 00
Winchester,.....	16	3	2	3	68 00	48 00	10 00	60 00	186 00
Smyrna,.....	18	....	....	1	.....	20 00	.....	.....	20 00
Mountain,.....	19	5	....	....	57 00	.....	.....	.....	57 00
Muchuena,.....	20	2	....	1	16 00	25 00	.....	.....	41 00
Buena Vista,.....	21	3	....	....	93 00	.....	.....	.....	93 00
Tuscarora,.....	22	5	1	2	48 00	50 00	.....	25 00	123 00
Oriental,.....	24	3	....	....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Piedmont,.....	25	6	....	1	176 00	60 00	.....	.....	236 00
North State,.....	26	7	....	....	72 00	25 00	11 75	10 00	118 75
Columbus,.....	27	5	1	1	57 00	20 00	.....	.....	77 00
Esperanza,.....	28	3	....	....	52 00	15 00	50 25	.....	117 25
Falling Creek,.....	29	....	....	....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Yadkin,.....	30	1	....	....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Samaritan,.....	31	10	....	....	69 00	.....	.....	.....	69 00
Caswell,.....	32	7	....	....	106 88	.....	.....	.....	106 88
Howard,.....	35	6	....	....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	48 00
Salem	36	2	....	1	26 00	30 00	.....	.....	56 00
Olive Branch,.....	37	....	....	1	.....	23 85	.....	.....	23 85
Constantia,.....	38	....	....	1	.....	30 00	13 00	.....	43 00
Pee Dee,.....	39	....	1	1	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Catawba,.....	40	5	....	1	48 00	.....	.....	.....	48 00
Excelsior,.....	41	1	....	....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	80 00
Brown Creek,.....	43	1	....	....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Enterprise,.....	44	6	....	....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....	100 00
Farmington,.....	46	4	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
		165	18	19	2,160 88	466 85	156 25	338 32	3,122 30

LIST OF CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS,

Belonging to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Dec. 31*st*, 1853.

CAPE FEAR LODGE, No. 2.

PAST GRANDS, ACCORDING TO SENIORITY.

John Campbell,
Rev. A. P. Repiton,
J. D. Gardner,
Thos. H. Howey,
Horace Burr,
Rev. B. L. Hoskins,
Timothy L. Guess,
Bradford Sherman,
Wm. C. Howard.
Jos. McLaurin,
Thos. M. Gardner,
Wm. L. Smith,
Geo. H. Kelley,
A. T. McCollum,
Wm. S. Anderson,
Eli W. Hall,
John J. Conoley,
Rich'd J. Jones.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Adkins, Edw. N.
Arnold, James
Bowden, Jesse
Brown, George
Baker, Henry
Bates, Benj. G.
Barnum, J. M.
Burkheimer, Henry
Burch, Wm. F.
Curtiss, Geo. T.
Crone, John
Coney, J. R.
Dunham, John S.
Dunham, S. W.
Drane, Rich'd H.
Fennell, Owen
Falon, Patrick
Fulton, James
Grant, R. H.
Garrison, James
Gilbert, Henry D.
Gill, Robinson
Gause, Sam'l P.
Green, Rich'd S.
Hart, Levi A.
Hartsfield, A. A.
Hyde, Wm. E.
Hoffman, Seligman
Harrison, Benj. F.
Jones, David
Jones, Wm. B.
Jacobs, Wm. L.
Keene, Jos. L.
Kilkelly, Wm. G.
Kea, James E.
Lutterloh, Ed. J.
Lawton, Joseph
Latta, John C.
Melvin, Jas. S.
Myers, Cornelius
Meginney, L.
Mulock, J.
Mathews, Wm.
McCollum, Jas. I.
McDowell, Jno. C.
McKellar, H.
Neff, Wm.
Nixon, N. N.
Perrin, Henry R.
Packard, Cyrus
Rothwell, A. B.
Simpson, Richard
Sutton, Wm.
Sherwood, Abr'm
Turrentine, Rev. M. C
Townsend, W. L. S.
Walker, W. A.
Williams, Wm. A.
Wilson, Wm.
Wilson, Loyd F.
Wheat, L. C.
Wells, David
Williamson, W. F.
Yopp, W. J.

THIRD OR ROYAL BLUE DEGREE MEMBERS.

Bowden, John C.
Daskam, W. F.
Marks, Wm.
Smaw, Francis D.
Mashburn, A. J.
Pierce, Wm.

SECOND OR COVENANT DEGREE MEMBERS.

Baily, Wm.
Bowers, John E.
Burbank, D. L.
Craig, John
Crockett, Thos M.
Gadsby, George
Harriss, Wm. M.
Mindle, A.
Newell, Wm. T.

Polly, Hiram	Rankin, Robt. G.	Shaw, John
Petteway, Jas. T.	Sikes, Theodore	

FIRST OR WHITE DEGREE MEMBERS.

Coney, C. J.	McMillan, Francis	Price, W. W.
Hudson, Thos. J.		

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Andrews, Jas. W.	Gafford, John	Mallard, John H.
Bowden, L. H.	Grissam, Robt. S.	Plunkett, John
Bobbitt, Rev. W. H.	Hall, Edward D.	Price, John B.
Cazaux, A. D.	Harriss, Geo. W.	Utley, W. R.
Craft, Thomas C.	Meredith, James	Wilson, John S.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 3.

PAST GRANDS.

R. H. Worthington,	H. G. Trader,	B. A. Spiers,
R. S. Parker,	J. W. Hill,	R. R. Parker,
L. T. Spiers,	T. J. Deans,	H. A. Moore,

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

John Yeates,	Daniel Valentine	Alexander Britt,
S. D. Williams,	John P. Bridger,	Jesse A. Jackson,
P. S. Williams,	John W. Hutchings,	M. Brewer,

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

G. D. Parker,	Peter Copes.	

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Jacob Barnes,	W. H. Adkins,	J. S. Mongee.
J. E. Dukes,		

CROSS CREEK LODGE, No. 4.

PAST GRANDS.

J. B. Newby,	Henry Lilly,	Thomas M. Sackett,
John Winslow,	James G. Cook,	Henry B. Sedberry,
Arch'd McLean,	W. T. Frizell,	John Smith,
Warren Winslow,	A. A. McKethan,	James G. Smith,
A. A. T. Smith,	George Lander,	Charles Nixon,
John Shaw,	Charles Lutterloh,	James McDaniel.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Arey, S. S.	Frizell, W. W.	Giersh, A. E.
Brown, A. S.	Greentree, M.	Graham, Hugh, Sr.

Houston, Owen	McNaill, Duncan	Stedman, J. M.
Lawrence, Geo. W.	McRae, Daniel	White, Oliver
Lum, J.	Nicholson, T. A.	
McDonald J. S.	Sedberry, J. S.	

REMEMBRANCE DEGREE MEMBERS.

Lea, George J.

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE MEMBERS.

Boon, S. P.	Maultsby, J. S.
Maultsby, D. S.	Matthews, J. M.

COVENANT DEGREE MEMBERS.

Beasley, J. M.	Jordan, Noah	Tomlinson, W. H.
Burwell, H. W.	Morrison, Daniel	Turner, J. M.
Dodd, Israel	McPherson, Alex.	Evans, Theophilus.
Haslop, Loyd J.	Smith, Neil	

WHITE DEGREE MEMBERS.

Dobbin, J. C.	Moore, W. F.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Banks, James	McDonald, J. R.
Hobbs, E. S.	Williams, J. D.

THADDEUS LODGE, No. 5.

PAST GRANDS.

J. D. Love,	G. W. Atkins	Isaac Boykin
O. L. Fillyaw,	P. J. Holland,	Josiah Johnson
L. C. Hubbard,	J. M. Mosely,	D. D. Carroll.
A. B. Chesnutt,	J. C. Carroll	
Alfred Johnson	J. H. Roberts,	

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Carr, Lewis F.	McKay, W. H.	Stevens, C. H.
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Baldwin, Kelly	George, D.	Powell, J. H.
Barefoot, J. O.	Howell, Mills	Richard, W. R.
Dyson, J. H.	High, Jas.	Smith, D.
Gore, C. C.	Maultsby, W. McD.	Smith, S. W.
Gore, P.	Pridgen, G.	Williamson, L.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Baldwin, A. J.	Maultsby, Carver	Shipman, A. J.
Boswell, U. F.	Powell, J. G.	Soles, Calton
Best, H.	Powell, M.	Vail, T. L.
Inman, A.	Smith, H. J.	Walker, M. M.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

Coleman, W. H.	Morrison, M. R.	Sessions, T. G.
Coleman, D.	Powell, F. K.	Wooten, S.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Hill, Rev. G. W.

ESPERANZA LODGE, No. 28.

PAST GRANDS.

Jones, Edmund W.	Beasley, John	Johnson, E. J.
Fessenden, Benj. F.	Latham, Charles	
Nicholls, Jehu	Ward, Warren W.	

FITFH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Alfred, Fred. E.	Cooper, James E.	Holliday, Jos. W.
Allen, Jordan W.	Davenport, Jas. F.	Hayman, Daniel
Bennett, R. H.	Etheridge, Stephen	Jones, E. W.
Beasley, John B.	Fessenden, B. F.	Johnson, E. J.
Beasley, John	Garibaldo, Angelo	Johnston, Asa
Beckwith, Thomas	Hardison, Wm. A.	Keith, Jas. B.
Brabble, Jacob D.	Hinson, G. W.	Kissam, Samuel
Casey, Isaac	Holliday, Henry	Kissam, C. A.

Knight, R. M.	Pearcy, David A.	Willis, E. H.
Kimmell, E. J.	Respess, Robert	Waters, H. H.
Latham, Charles	Spruill, H. G.	Wiley, Alfred
Latham, T. S.	Spruill, Benj.	Woodhouse, Alex.
Nicholls, Jehu	Thompson, Nathan	
Norman, Jos. R.	Ward, W. W.	

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Allen, Joseph	Basnight, Benj.	Dillin, Rob't A.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

Garrett, Alfred F.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Eborn, Wm.	McRae, S. H.

FALLING CREEK LODGE, No. 29.

PAST GRANDS.

Walter L. Steele,	Malcom L. Douglass	James Stewart,
John R. Little,	Wm. M. Peacock,	Edward E. Freeman
John C. McKinnon,	Andrew J. Veal,	

COVENANT DEGREE MEMBERS.

John J. Bennet,	Thomas W. Moody,
Albron W. Moody,	Wiley Webb.

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE MEMBERS.

Isaac Ewing,	Hugh G. Lucas,	Franklin C. Smith.
Thos. S. Jordan,	James Pearl,	
Wm. B. Jordan,	John W. Stubbs,	

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Walter L. Steele,	Malcom L. Douglass,	James H. Read,
John R. Little,	James Stewart,	Edward E. Freeman,
John Shortridge,	Peter W. Stancil,	Wm. D. Ussery,
Robert S. Ledbetter,	Wm. M. Peacock,	Charles C. Terry,
Louis H. Webb,	Andrew J. Veal,	Thomas C. Leak.
John C. McKinnon,	Calvin J. Allred,	
Robt. J. Steele, Jr.,	John C. Beeman,	

YADKIN LODGE, No. 30.

PAST GRANDS.

Wm. J. McElroy,	A. A. Moss,	Lewis Hanes,
A. C. Wharton,	A. W. Cooper,	T. D. Cooper.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Blackburn, Milton
Blackburn, Coston
Faw, Lemuel,
Griffith, E. W.
Hall, John
Jones, S. S.
Jones, Willie
Miller, John
Phelps, U. H.
Riley, John W.
Styres, Lewis
Wagner, Josiah
Ward, S. S.
Warner, G. A.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Reynolds, L. A.

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 31.

PAST GRANDS.

Rob't Loader,
J. B. McDade,
J. B. Lucas,
I. J. Collier,
J. S. Lucas,
Wm. B. Wolff. joined by Card from HendersonLodge,

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Dr. Morgan Closs,
Wm. H. Hauser,
Calvin Hauser,
J. E. Howel,
Ilar Harwood,
Dr. J. B. Jones,
A. S. Jones,
R. H. Lee,
A. Mickle,
Dr. Geo. Moore, Sr.,
Dr. W. H. Moore,
W. J. Newton,
Thos. Paxton,
Gray Utley,
A. B. Vaughan,
K. B. Waite,
Jno. H. Watson,
Jones Watson,
I. Thos. Wheat, Jr.,
T. E. Watson.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

J. B. Tinney,
Gabriel Utley,
Wm. J. Whyte,
John White.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

John Loader, | E. D. Nutt.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Manly Andrews,
Alexander D. Betts,
J. T. Closs,
Thos. C. Davis,
E. P. Farrington,
W. K. Furlong,
J. K. Gattis,
Rev. Alex. Gattis,
Jno. R. Hutchins,
James Hutchins,
John Loader,
A. D. Moore,
Geo. J. Moore, Jr.,
S. McCoy,
M. R. Sugg,
Noah Trice,
C. E. Wright,
Thos. E. Whyte.

CASWELL LODGE, No. 32.

PAST GRANDS.

John Kerr,
William H. Chiles,
William L. Fowler,
William C. Paxton,
Albert G. Yancey,
James M. Neal.

MEMBERS.

Isaac G. Bailey,
William O. Bowler,
Thomas C. Bowe,
George W. Dodson,
Israel Dickins,
Richard Furguson,
Henry Graves,
George Goodson,
Allen Gunn,
John S. Graves,
Iverson M. Gloss,
Barzillia Graves,
Thomas J. Howard,
Samuel S. Harrison,
Thomas H. Hatchett
Henry Hubbard,
James S. Henderson
James M. Jones,
James K. Lea,
Alfred A. Mitchell,
Junius Moore,
A. J. McAlpin,
John T. Nance,
Lucius Price,
John P. Rainey,
Rev. James Reid,
Joseph Willis,
Wm. P. Watlington
John L. Williamson
John D. Wemple,
James M. Winstead,
Robert M. Young.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE, No. 33.

PAST GRANDS.

O. B. Savage.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

John Boothe,
F. M. Capehart,
M. H. Eure,
H. L. Eure,
Henry Eason,
Wm. C. Fitcher,
Asa Hill,
Jas. W. Hill,
Edward R. Harrell,
Henry B. Hardle,
Guy Hobbs,
Jas. N. Harrell,
Jos. T. Morris,
C. Y. Savage,
Q. H. Trolman,
P. M. Warren,
W. B. S. Riddick,
D. S. Pearce,
R. B. Parker,
W. L. Reed.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Thomas E. Cross,
Thos. P. Cherry.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

Sam'l Louther,
R. H. Manny.

CONTENTNEA LODGE, No. 34.

MEMBERS.

H. H. Gibbons,
Will. C. Blount,
B. S. Hardy,
M. J. Edwards,
B. S. Williams,
Ashly Allen,
Joseph Bell,
Denny Edwards,
Albert Dowell,
Wm. Pope,
Edward Coward,
George Joyner,
Gideon Allen,
Wm. Foryle,
John Harper,
Peter E. Hunt,
J. W. May,
J. H. Hines,
R. M. Hines,
N. A. Hooker,
J. T. Bynum.

HOWARD LODGE, No. 35.

PAST GRANDS.

Burton, A. W.
Cabaniss, H. D. K.
Williams, Thos.
Fortune, A. W.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Andrews, W. P.
Davidson, R. Q.
Elliott, A. J.
Froneberger, David
Falls, John Z.
Fulenwieler, E. H.
Goforth, Wm.
Jackson, J. W.
Jackson, T. P.
Love, C. G.
Lattimore, D. D.
Miller, W. J. T.
Quinn, A. W.
Roberts, M. C.
Stephens, J. F.
Webber, M. G.
Whisnant, P. S.
Whisnant, David

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

Goode, M. E.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Cabaniss, Wm., suspended.
Gidney. R. E.
Martin, J. O.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

Osborne, J. E.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Botts, L. A.
Camp, Wm.
Ford, M. L. by card,
Palmer, V. J. do.
Tracy, J. W.

SALEM LODGE, No. 36.

PAST GRANDS.

Boner, Joshua
Meller, Francis
Rights, C. L.
Zevely, A. T.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Banner, C. L.
Boner, Thos. J.
Beeker, John C.
Blum, E. T.
Butner, J. A.
Crist, T. F.
Clinard, L. N.
Crowson, J. W. S.
Crist, J. R.
Doub, M. C.
Folts, E. E.
Flynt, Wm.
Fulkerson, J. L.
Heisler, John
Hall, Wm. H.
James, S. C.
Jerrell, John M.
Keehln, O. A.
Kluge, C. E.
Krause, E. L.
Keehln, F. A.
Leinbach, E. W.
Lash, H. M.
Leinbach, A. N.
Morris, T. F.
Mock, Jacob
Mitchell, O.
Nisson, J. P.
Parry, John C.
Reich, Jacob
Reich, Em'l
Ruede, G. H.
Reich, G. A.
Starbuck, D. F.
Shults, J. E.
Swink, G. M.
Saunders, John
Stafford, A. J.
Shults, S. B.

Styers, James	Turner, B.	Winkler, W. P.
Spach, Edward	Vogler, E. A.	
Tevis, John D.	Weisner Jos.	

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

Alspach, John

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Sides, John G.	Holland, E. E.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

Brown, D.	Rights, C. Lewis	Weisner, H. W.
Holder, J. T.	Reid, Harrison	

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Belo, Lewis	Holland, L. E.	Nichols, George
Gray, Robert	Hauser, Wm.	Shouse, Wyley

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 37.

PAST GRANDS.

Henry H. Hobbs.

William H. Watson, suspended for habitual intoxication, and other conduct unbecoming.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Carrington, D. C.	Lane, William	Sanford, John J.
Crawford, John H.	Lane, Barnabas	Thornton, Young N.
Daniel, John H.	Sanders, Linn B.	Thompson, John R.
Gerhardt, Henry	Smith, John	Watson, John W. B.

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Stevens, Jacob A.

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

Bridgers, Robert D.	Ballenger, Geo. B.	Jackson, Rev. J. B.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Carter, James M.	Lunceford, R. D.	O'Daniel, S. A.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

Tomlinson, Parker R.

CONSTANCIA LODGE, No. 38.

PAST GRANDS.

B. J. Spruill,	W. Loftin Hargrave,
F. C. Miller,	W. G. Parker.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

J. B. Steely,
J. S. Shepperd,
W. G. Clary,
C. J. Moore,
W. N. Mitchell,
W. R. Watson,
G. W. Jernigan,
J. W. Heckstall,
W. M. Bishop,
S. M. Burton,
Leo. Clary,
Everett Hancock,
J. N. Hoggard,
R. R. Simmons,
Tho. Cherry,
W. A. Keith,
Sam'l Floyd,
Thos. E. Watson,
W. J. Cherry,
D. Harrell,
T. R. Speller,
Rich'd R. Tayloe,
James Burden,
W. D. Outlaw,
W. H. Speller,
Henry Mizell,
John Mizell,
Isaac Mizell,
Thomas Gilliam,
Robert R. Tayloe,
B. F. Arrington,
Wm. Weston,
Jere. Bunch,
Thos. Knowles,
Nathan Walker,

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

T. M. Garret.

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

S. M. Moore,
S. W. Simmons.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

John Freeman.

PEE DEE LODGE, No. 39.

PAST GRANDS.

Ric'd A. Caldwell,
Alexander Little,
Norfleet D. Boggan,
H. B. Hammond,

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Dr. E. F. Ashe,
Milton Austin,
R. P. Allen,
Wm. A. Benton,
H. B. Billingsly,
R. Buchanan,
Nathan Beverly,
Cary Bennett,
Jas. C. Caraway,
E. Cooly,
Charles Frazier,
Eli Freeman,
James Grimsly,
Ellis D. Gaddy,
C. C. McCaskill,
A. M. McDonald,
L. M. McLendon,
Samuel W. Neal,
W. C. Ramsay,
R'v. A. H. Richardson
Thos. G. Sanders,
M. Sigman,
J. B. Shelton,
Edward H. Streater,
James F. Streater,
Dr. Jas. A. Tillman,

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

William Shudding.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Thomas S. Ashe,
Rev. Wm. C. Sutton.

CATAWBA LODGE, No. 40.

PAST GRANDS.

W. J. Gunter, | W. P. Reinhardt, | A. T. Bost.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

J. B. Abernathy.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 41.

PAST GRANDS.

R. F. Simonton, | W. B. Grant, | C. A. Carlton

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Geo. W. Allison,
T. A. Barker,
A. J. Brown,
J. D. Byrns,
J. A. Claywell,
W. M. Campbell,
P. A. Claywell,
P. Claywell,
W. P. Caldwell,
Haman Critz,
J. W. Councill,
W. B. Councill,
P. C. Carlton,
J. N. Glascock,
J. D. Gunn,
W. D. Hall,
W. McHaynes,
Carmi Gillespie,
R. M. Johnson,
T. A. James,
T. J. W. Kerr,
Silas Keaton,
J. Q. Leslie,
W. H. Mowbray,
W. H. Morrison,
H. A. Mowbray,
S. J. Rickert,
J. S. Rickert,
J. R. Simonton,
J. W. Shelton,
W. F. Stone,
D. C. Stimson,
M. H. Spurr,
C. L. Summers,
J. H. Tatum,
R. S. Tays,
S. L. Tays,
J. W. Woodward.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

J. F. Long, | J. F. Bell, Sr.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

James L. Nesbit.

LUMBER RIVER LODGE, No. 42.

PAST GRANDS.

John M. Hartman, | Eli Wishart,

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Rev. D. B. Ayres,
J. A. Barnes, M. D.,
W. B. Blake,
John W. Carmichael,
Rob't Downey,
Henry H. Ellis,
Benjamin Freeman,
A. W. Fuller,
W. W. Gunn,
J. F. Harrell,
John H. Harris,
D. J. Jordan,
Giles Leitch,
Rev. J. B. Martin,
R. M. Norment, M.D.,
Eli Regan,
John W. Rodgers,
Daniel McKeithan.

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

John Moore, | Joseph G. Regan.

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

W. B. Thompson.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

John P. Fulmore, | John B. Thompson.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

James Humphrey.

BROWN CREEK LODGE, No: 43:

PAST GRANDS.

Joseph White, | James Tomlinson, | Bryan Womble.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

John B. Cottrell,	Elijah T. Gaddy,	A. C. Moore,
Wm. Crowder,	T. M. Hamilton,	Thos. S. Myers,
C. B. Coppedge,	George Kendall,	Berry N. Redfearn,
John Chears,	E. J. Marsh,	Wm. A. Redfearn,
Jonathan Eldredge,	Albert Myers,	Charles L. Sinclair,
Thomas Gulledge,	J. L. McGregor,	Wm. C. Teal.
Philip Gathings,	Wm. L. McGregor,	

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Josiah Willliams.

ENTERPRIZE LODGE, No. 44.

PAST GRANDS.

Pomeroy Clark, | Oswald Lipscomb, | George H. Griffin.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

Bain, Hope	Eason, James L.	Petway, Joseph L.
Batts, David W.	Farmer, Albert	Taylor, James J.
Collins, James	Farmer, Pharo	Thorn, William D.
Cawthon, John D.	Gay, Charles B.	Tomlinson, Thomas
Daniel, Wm. B.	Harris, Charles W.	Williford, H. L.
Dew, Jonathan T.	Joyner, Benjamin D.	Williford, James
Davis Henry R.	Mayo, Ezekiel T.	Williford, Meedy E.

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

Farmer, Joseph

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Bardin, B. H.
Daniel, John T.
Elliott, John B.
Farmer, Gray
Gardner, J. B.
Pritchett, J. W. H.
Weaver, David W.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.

Charles, Jonathan P.
Moore, Calvin

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Flowers, Willie W.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 45.

PAST GRANDS.

S. D. Wallace,
J. C. Wood,
J. T. Miller,
John McRae, Jr.,
D. McMillan,
T. Burr, Jr.,
John Nutt,
M. Huston.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

A. McLean,
S. P. Polley,
Joseph S. Williams,
Wm. J. Cornwall,
Alex. McRae, Jr.,
John Griffith,
Wm. A. Burr,
John H. Wright,
Jos. B. Russell,
Henry P. Russell,
O. S. Baldwin.

FARMINGTON LODGE, No. 46.

PAST GRANDS.

W. W. Long.

FITFH DEGREE MEMBERS.

M. D. Armfield,
N. Bohannan,
James H. Foote,
Jno. C. Foote,
J. A. Hendricks,
Alex. Harper,
Jno. H. Johnson,
Jas. M. Johnson,
G. W. Johnson,
Jno. Lunn,
D. P. Nelson,
C. W. Rich,
S. O. Fatum,
M. A. Vestal,
J. W. Wiseman, M. D
W. P. Ward,
J. M. Williams.

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

M. C. Evans,

SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS.

Geo. Willson.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

N. Deaver,
C. F. Griffith.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 47.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

James M. Davis,
Wm. B. Whitfield,
Joel Elmore,
John L. Lee,
Wm. H. Woodard,
John E. Davis,
Robert E. Davis,
Churchwill Bell,
Jonas Smith,
George W. Shaw,
Willis Pipkin,
William Vernon.

George C. Jones, expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

PALMETTO LODGE, No. 48.

MEMBERS.

G. D. Boggan,
R. L. Steele,
Jas. L. McRae,
L. W. Cole,
D. J. McLane,
W. W. Twitty,
Z. J. Clark,
T. J. Ingram,
E. W. Elliott,
H. D. Kendall,
T. L. Gale,
W. S. Kendall,
R. R. Kelly.

HARDENBERG LODGE, No. 49.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

W. W. Cole, } card
Jno. Cole, } card
Thos. Cole,
John M. Crews,
Lee R. Gibron,
W. N. Gibron,
F. L. Golding,
W. P. Jinkens,
Jas. E. Mathews,
Thos. Noblin,
W. W. Petree,
Daniel Roberson,
N. Rich,
J. W. Terry.

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

Joseph Waggoner.

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

L. S. Blackburn.

INITIATORY DEGREE MEMBERS.

Thos. L. Allen, | James C. Voss.

EDGECOMBE LODGE, No. 50.

MEMBERS.

W. A. Jones,
L. H. Smith,
W. H. Powell,
W. S. Pitt,
S. S. Hicks,
C. G. Wilkinson,
Collin McNair,
A. Braswell,
A. Hart,
H. B. Bryan,
J. W. White,
J. B. Pasemourlin.

Abstract of the Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, commencing January 1st, 1853, and ending December 31st, 1853.

Name of Lodges	Number	Where Held	County	Time of Meeting	Rejections	Admitted by Card	Withdrawn by Card	Reinstated	Suspension	Expulsions	Deaths	Grands Past	Members	Amount received for Initiations	Amount received for Degrees	Amount received for Dues	Amt rec'd for Fines, & from other sources	Amt rec'd for Widow & Orphan's Fund	Whole Amount of Revenue	Amt upon which per centage is to be paid	Amount due Grand Lodge	Remarks
Cape Fear	2	Wilmington	N. Hanover	Tuesday night	1	1	10			3	2	18	121	$60 00	$156 00	$730 14	$5 00	$239 44	$1,077 10	$838 66	$125 79	
Washington	3	Murfreesboro'	Hertford	Friday		2						9	24			79 62		23 50	104 62	77 62	11 94	
Cross Creek	4	Fayetteville	Cumberland	Friday			2	2	4			18	58	10 00	15 00	237 08	70 50	47 23	332 58	214 85	32 23	
Thaddeus	5	Clinton	Sampson	Friday								13	28	10 00	30 00	33 25	25	8 88	73 50	72 25	10 83	
Neuse	6	Goldsboro'	Wayne	Saturday	2		10	10	2	15	1	12	40	25 00	74 00	128 61	60 00	26 00	313 61	227 61	34 13	
Eureka	7	Newbern	Craven	Friday			4					13	65	8 00	15 00	347 41	102 75		504 99	366 52	54 97	
Manteo	8	Raleigh	Wake	Friday		2	4	3	30	17	1	18	46					52 00	156 00	104 00	15 60	
Meck. Declaration	9	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	Tuesday		1	9	11	2			9	54	70 00	47 00	170 25	1 75	56 68	315 68	283 75	43 31	Jas. F. Wann, expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.
Phalanx	10	Washington	Beaufort	Friday		5	4	7		7		14	96	70 00	81 00	323 42	20 00	249 48	743 90	494 42	74 16	Jno. E. Bae & F. Odenheimer, expelled for conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.
Concordia	11	Beaufort	Carteret	Friday		2	1			1		6	31		4 00	76 20	56 50	12 61	132 70	77 45	11 61	
Achoree	14	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank	Friday		11		2	12	1	2	9	73	50 00	160 50	258 33	26 50	113 12	607 70	449 92	67 48	
Winchester	16	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe	Saturday			1	9		1	2	5	22	30 00	90 00	73 12			728 00	193 12	28 96	
Smyrna	18	Smyrna	Carteret	Saturday		2				1	1	10	29	5 00	54 00	106 35		15 15	165 35	150 20	22 53	Jas. M. Pier, expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.
Mountain	19	Lincolnton	Lincoln	Wednesday			2	9	1	7	2	7	47	5 00	2 00	219 40	26 00	67 50	247 67	158 17	23 72	
Muchena	20	Warrenton	Warren	Thursday			1	3			6	1	10	44	5 00		152 75	50	48 00	205 75	157 75	23 66	
Buena Vista	21	Greensboro'	Guilford	Tuesday			3	4					10	77	69 00	138 00	281 48	2 75	52 75	519 23	436 44	65 46	
Tuscarora	22	Kingston	Lenoir	Friday		4		3				2	9	45	10 00	67 00	213 74	129 43	68 50	434 92	227 01	34 05	
Oriental	24	Colerain	Bertie	Thursday				4					6	37	30 00	108 00	124 60	68 24	34 56	349 88	246 08	36 91	$18 04 off Education.
Piedmont	25	Morganton	Burke	Tuesday		1		3		9	2	1	8	67	70 00	194 00	192 00		66 25	522 95	456 70	68 50	
North State	26	Salisbury	Rowan	Tuesday			2	4		7			6	57	30 00	92 00	186 50		54 50	364 00	309 10	46 36	
Columbus	27	Whiteville	Columbus	Saturday		1		1					8	53		18 00	175 50		26 34	193 50	167 16	25 07	
Esperanza	28	Plymouth	Washington	Tuesday		3		2			6		6	46	11 00	33 00	225 01	2 50	104 47	307 51	200 54	30 08	$33 54 off Education.
Falling Creek	29	Rockingham	Richmond	Monday			1	4		5	2		8	31	25 00	101 00	120 13	1 25		468 35	247 38	37 10	
Yadkin	30	Clemensville	Davidson	Tuesday		5		1		1			6	21	25 00	75 00	61 22	50	11 59	228 05	149 74	22 46	
Samaritan	31	Chapel Hill	Orange	Monday			2	3					7	50	45 00	135 00	170 49	11 87	46 32	403 23	356 78	53 51	
Caswell	32	Yanceyville	Caswell	Saturday		2	2	1		3	1		6	38	10 00	48 00	100 71	2 25	71 77	232 74	160 97	24 14	
Contentnea	34	Snow Hill	Greene	Thursday			1	4					5	19			38 62			75 47	75 47	11 31	
Howard	35	Shelby	Cleaveland	Thursday		7	2	2		2			4	32	35 00	64 00	130 18	107 60	31 14	367 92	209 18	31 37	
Salem	36	Salem	Forsyth	Thursday		4	8	1	6		1	1	4	64	187 50	513 00	197 80	7 75	41 58	906 05	864 47	129 67	J. B. Kingsbury, expelled for Drunkenness.
Olive Branch	37	Smithfield	Johnston	Tuesday		3	2	1			1	1	2	22	64 00	122 00	65 99	2 75	16 46	252 74	236 28	35 44	W. H. Watson, expelled for Drunkenness.
Constancia	38	Windsor	Bertie	Wednesday		1	1				1		4	44	101 00	237 00	122 99	50	28 36	504 59	460 91	69 13	
Pee Dee	39	Wadesboro'	Anson	Monday		3	1	1	3		1		5	33	12 50	30 00	22 00	12		189 50	64 54	9 68	
Catawba	40	Newton	Catawba	Thursday						2	1	1	3	25		13 00	57 50	30	19 43	90 15	70 50	10 57	
Excelsior	41	Statesville	Iredell	Monday		7	2			1	1		3	44	36 00	115 00	107 55	50	35 13	294 79	259 15	38 87	
Lumber River	42	Lumberton	Robeson	Thursday		3	2	1	4				2	25	55 00	123 00	69 58		11 64	318 33	230 94	34 64	
Brown Creek	43	White's Store	Anson	Wednesday		4		2	1				3	25	15 00	122 00	72 43	5 50		296 88	214 93	32 23	
Enterprise	44	Wilson	Edgecombe	Saturday		4	4	2	4			1	3	35	70 00	212 00	41 16	6 93	19 68	342 84	323 16	48 47	
Clarendon	45	Wilmington	N. Hanover	Wednesday				5					8	19			75 95	17 94		93 89	93 89	14 08	
Farmington	46	Farmington	Davie	Thursday		5	3	3	1				1	22	70 00	203 00	37 87	45 00	40 86	359 57	316 00	47 40	
Friendship	47	White Hall	Wayne	Saturday		3	1				1			13	40 00	120 00	28 50	1 00		189 50	188 50	28 27	
Palmetto	48	C. F. College	Anson	Tuesday			1	4						13	45 00	54 00				204 00	99 00	14 85	
Hardenburg	49	Germanton	Stokes	Monday				3						18	50 00	89 00				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Edgecombe	50	Tarboro'	Edgecombe	Thursday			1	1						12	30 00	100 [illegible]						

I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Lodge

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION,

Held in the Town of Wilmington on the 26th of November, 1855.

WILMINGTON, N. C.....HERALD OFFICE.
1856.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF

The Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina,

Held at the Town of Wilmington, November 26th, 1855.

WILMINGTON, *Nov* 26, 1855, 10½ *o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened this day, in the Hall of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, when the following Officers were present, viz:

W. S. G. ANDREWS, ...M. W. GRAND MASTER.
W. J. HOKE, ...R. W. D. GRAND MASTER.
THOS. M. GARDNER, ...R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. PAUL REPITON, ...R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
J. E. MORRISS, ...R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
M. L. DOUGLASS, ...R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. J. A. Weirman, Grand Conductor, pro tem., and P. G. Pomeroy Clarke, Grand Guardian, pro tem.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master, and opened in due form. Prayer by the Rev. M. L. Douglass, G. C.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials:—P. G. M. I. Disosway, P. G. Douglass, and Rep. C. Lutterloh.

P. G. R. A. Caldwell moved, that the reading of the proceedings of the session of the last Grand Lodge be dispensed with, and that published copies of the same be distributed among the members; which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

P. G. M. Disosway, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committe on Credentials have examined the Certificates of Representatives submitted to them, and report the following named Past Grands entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

LODGES.	*No.*	*REPRESENTATIVES.*
CAPE FEAR	2	E. W. Hall.
CROSS CREEK	4	W. W. Frizzell.
THADDEUS	5	Josiah Johnson.
NEUSE	6	W. H. Moore.
EUREKA	7	I. Disosway.
MANTEO	8	I. Proctor.
MECKLENBERG DEC	9	John Riglar.
PHALANX	10	J. E. Jones.
CONCORDIA	11	Josiah F. Bell.
WINCHESTER	16	B. B. Lawrence.
MOUNTAIN	19	W. R. Edwards.
BUENA VISTA	21	A. Wetherly.
TUSCARORA	22	J. H. Jackson.
NORTH STATE	26	J. A. Weirman.
HOWARD	35	Thos. Williams.
SALEM	36	C. L. Banner.
OLIVE BRANCH	37	J. H. Daniel.
CONSTANCIA	38	W. A. Keith.
PEE DEE	39	S. W. Neil.
CATAWBA	40	W. P. Reinhardt.
BROWN CREEK	43	B. Womble.
ENTERPRISE	44	P. Clarke.
CLARENDON	45	T. Burr, Jr.
EDGECOMB	50	L. A. Smith.
CAROLINA	52	H. Pottar.
EZIL	54	J. Bailey.

A very few of the above Representatives have presented no certificate of service; but your committee are satisfied that they are entitled to the P. O. Degrees, and recommend that they be conferred.

The committee find also among the papers submitted to them, a communication from the Recording Secretary of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, stating that P. G. W. H. Moore was appointed Representative of that Lodge, but owing to the absence of the N. G. and V. G. at the time of his application for his Certificate, it could not be furnished. In addition, they have the assurance of the Grand Master, that such appointment was

made; and they would recommend that he be admitted to a seat.

Your committee beg leave to offer the annexed resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

I. DISOSWAY,
M. L. DOUGLASS,
C. LUTTERLOH.

Resolved, That the Representatives above named be admitted to seats, and the G. Lodge Degree be conferred upon such of them as have not heretofore received it.

P. G. R. A. Caldwell stated to the Grand Lodge, that P. G. Samuel W. Neal, who had been elected Representative to this Grand Lodge, by Pee Dee Lodge, No. 39, had accidentally mislaid his Certificate. He would testify to the Lodge that P. G. Neal had been elected Representative by that Lodge to this Grand Body, and moved that he be permitted to take his seat as Representative accordingly, which was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following Report:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Past Grands—We have great reason to be grateful to Almighty God, for the innumerable blessings which he has scattered with a bounteous hand, upon us and upon our beloved Order. While in the wisdom of him who cannot err, one of our sister jurisdictions has been smitten with plague, and the angel of death has hovered over two of her cities, we have been spared the distress of such a scourge, and with our associations almost unbroken, with health and warm glowing desires to be useful citizens and faithful Odd-Fellows, we are permitted to assemble in this our annual communication. Let us be thankful.

The term for which I was elected is about to expire; I am called to surrender into other hands the trust which your partiality placed in my keeping. In doing so, it behooves me to make a full exhibit of all the transactions of my office, that you may be able to approve and by your endorsement confirm what is right, or prevent a permanence of evil.

At the last communication of your Grand Body, the Grand Master was instructed to "take the necessary steps to procure the charter, books and other property of Occidental Lodge, No. 33, said Lodge having forfeited its charter."

Shortly after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, I received communications from several brothers of this Lodge, stating some of the causes which had prevented Occidental from performing her duty to the Grand Lodge. The charter had been revoked under a law of the Grand Lodge, which requires that "any Lodge failing to report and pay its dues for two stated

communications of the Grand Lodge, shall be deemed extinct and its charter forfeited." As a preliminary step to a restoration, the brethren were advised to pay up the dues, which they accordingly did, and all the returns were handed in to the Grand Secretary. On being advised of these circumstances, after consultation with brothers of high standing and long experience, I issued a warrant authorizing the Lodge to continue to work. It was a source of regret that my first official action after your adjournment, came apparently so directly in contact with your instructions; but on mature reflection I was satisfied it was the proper course, and that your Grand Body would not continue, what was really a punishment of worthy members of the Order, after they had done all in their power to repair the injury caused by one or two careless members. I regret to have to state, that this Lodge has not sent in her reports regularly, and is now two terms in arrears. The whole matter is now in your hands, to take such further action as you may deem proper.

My predecessor, P. G. M. W. L. Steele, issued a warrant to open a Lodge at Mocksville, Davie County. This Lodge was duly instituted by P. G. W. John A. Weirman, on the 26th of May, 1854, and is known as *Davie Lodge, No.* 51.

On the 6th of Dec., 1854, I received a petition from five brethren holding cards, for a warrant to open a Lodge at Jamestown, Guilford County. The prayer of petitioners was granted, and *Carolina Lodge, No.* 52, instituted by P. G. Porter, of Buena Vista, No. 21, on the 28th of December, 1854.

On the 17th of April, 1855, a warrant was granted to five petitioners to open a Lodge at Monroe, Union County, to be known as Monroe Lodge, No. 53. The warrant and books were forwarded to D. D. G. M. Samuel J. Lowrie, from whom no report has been received.

On the 23d of June, 1855, a petition was received from five brethren for a warrant to open a Lodge at Roxboro', Person County. The Lodge was instituted on the 2d of August, 1855, by P. G. E. J. Robertson, and is recognized as *Ezel Lodge, No.* 54.

On the 17th of September, 1855, the petition of five brethren was received, asking a warrant to open a Lodge at Marlboro', in Pitt County, to be called *Marlboro' Lodge, No.* 55. A warrant was issued, directed to D. D. G. M. Wm. B. Myers, and the Lodge duly instituted by him, on the 7th of November, 1855.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge grant Charters to these Lodges.

In January last, I was notified of the death of P. G. W. D. Boggan, of Pee Dee Lodge, No. 39, an officer of this Grand Lodge, and a truly useful and worthy Odd-Fellow.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary reports as follows, viz:

The Report of Subordinate Lodges for three terms, commencing January 1st, 1854, and ending June 30th, 1855, show,

Initiations,	383
Rejections,	79
Admitted by Card,	53
Withdrawn by Card,	180
Reinstated,	16
Suspended,	83
Expelled,	61
Deceased,	42
The number of Past Grands, is	333
" " " Contributing Members, is	1806

There has been received for Initiations,		$1,995 50
" " " Degrees,		4,056 12
" " " Dues,		7,313 34
" " " Fines and from other sources,		742 34
" " " Widow's and Orphan's Fund,		2,465 30
The amount on which per centage is paid,	$14,072 60	
Amount due the Grand Lodge,	2,110 87	
There has been received for per centage		$2,205 25
Charter fee Carolina Lodge, No. 52,		30 00
Books,		5 00
Cards,		8 60
Amount received from all sources		$2,248 85

for which I have the Grand Treasurer's receipt.

The Relief Reports of the Subordinates for the same time, show,

Number of Brothers relieved,	252	
" " Widows "	19	
" " Brothers buried,	34	
The amount paid for relief of Brothers,		$2,679 84
" " Burying the dead,		730 00
" " Education of Orphans,		278 15
" " Relief of Widowed families,		301 44
Total amount of Relief,		$3,987 43

Many of the Lodges were very tardy in sending in their reports for the June term, 1854 and '55. It was with much difficulty that the Grand Secretary could make out the report to the Grand Lodge U. States, and it was very unsatisfactory when made out. Having so few reports in hand, it was impossible to give a correct statement of the condition of the Order in the State.

Thaddeus Lodge, No. 5, has not reported for the 1st term of '54 and 1st term '55.
Eureka Lodge, No. 7—No report at all since my term of office commenced.
Manteo, " 8—No report at all.
Columbus, " 27—has not reported for 1st term, 1855.
Occidental, " 33—No report since reinstated.

Constancia,	No. 38—has not reported for 1st term, 1855.	
Pee Dee	" 39— " " " " 1st " "	
Catawba,	" 40— " " " " 1st " "	
Friendship,	" 47— " " " " 1st " "	
Palmetto,	" 48— " " " at all.	
Hardenberg,	" 49— " " " for 2d term, 1854, and 1st term, 1855.	
Edgecombe,	" 50— " " " for 1st term, 1855.	
Washington,	" 3— " " " for 2d term, 1854, and 1st term, 1855.	

Nor have they sent the per centage due the Grand Lodge, as per report for 1st term, 1854. I have notified these Lodges of their delinquency more than once.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer reports as follows:

A. Paul Repiton, *G. T., in account with the G. L., I. O. O. F. of N. C.*

DR.

1854,	May 8,	To am't rec'd after my Report to G. M'r,	$ 66 95	
	10,	" " during ses'n of G. L., May, '54,	128 24	
	Aug. 4,	" " of G'd Sec'ry, T. M. Gardner,	486 41	
	Nov. 25,	" " " " "	64 00	
1855,	Feb. 8,	" " " " "	103 83	
	May 10,	" " " " "	53 07	
	July 12,	" " " " "	150 00	
	" 30,	" " " " "	100 85	
	Aug. 9,	" " " " "	200 00	
	Sept. 14,	" " " " "	131 30	
	Oct. 23,	" " " " "	606 92	
	Nov. 12,	" " " " "	52 47	
				$2,444 04

CR.

1854,	May 10,	By am't paid Gr. Tr., T. M. Gardner,	$ 17 96	
	" " "	Bill postage, &c. pd. G. S. A. P. Repiton,	23 87	
	Aug. 5, "	A. Paul Repiton's bill, services Gr. Sec.,	200 00	
	" 10, "	Bill, Journal Office, printing Proceedings,	95 98	
	" " "	Check J. L. Ridgley, G. S., Rep. Tax, &c.	150 00	
	" " "	Exchange on same, ...	1 50	
	" " "	Inst'nt note Bank C. F'r. and dis. renewal,	156 90	
	" " "	" " " " " " "	105 60	
1855,	Feb. 8, "	" " " " " " "	103 83	
	May 10, "	" " " " " " "	53 07	
	Aug. 9, "	Balance note Bank, Cape Fear,.....	200 00	
	Sept. 14, "	Ch'k J. L. Ridgley, G. S., R. Tx. Ex. &c.	131 30	
				$1,240 01
Leaving balance in my hands to the credit of Gr. Lodge, in available funds, of.....				$1,204 03
Also, one note of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, with $100, due and interest from May 15, '54 to Nov. 26, '55, inclusive,.....			109 25	
Also, one note from Eureka Lodge, No. 7, with interest from 23d May, '47 to 23d Nov., '55, inclusive.....			453 00	
			562 25	
Less amounts paid on same, with interests,.....			118 18	
				444 07
Total assets in hands of Grand Treasurer,.....				$1,648 10

From an examination of the Grand Secretary's Report, you will see that several Lodges have failed to make their reports as required by Article XVIII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and that there is a considerable amount due.

Without punctuality on the part of the subordinates it is impossible that the Grand Lodge, as at present organized, can be sustained. I beg to recommend a strict examination by your committee into the condition of all the Lodges which are delinquent, and that they be dealt with as in the judgment of your body may be deemed for the interest of the whole jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer reports, cash in hand, $1,204 03, which, with the amount that will probably be paid in during the session of the Grand Lodge, is deemed sufficient to meet all the expenses of the present communication, and fully demonstrates the wisdom of the course pursued by the last Grand Lodge, in postponing the time of meeting. In fact, the Grand Lodge would not have had sufficient funds in May last to have paid the expenses of a session, and we should have had to resort to the very disagreeable and unsafe expedient of borrowing. I have reason to believe that hereafter she will be able to sustain herself from the tax on subordinates as now established, but without the utmost economy she will be unable to carry forward any work of charity or benevolence. The Grand Lodge at its annual communication in May, 1854, passed a resolution, to be found on page 77, vol. 1, Journal, pledging itself to provide for the education of the orphans of members whose Lodges are unable to aid them. In 1850, G. M. J. B. Newby called the attention of your body to the subject, and offered some suggestions thereupon, which will be found on page 255, Journal. Acting on the recommendation of the G. M., a Special Committee was raised to consider the subject, which committee brought in their report, with a resolution directing the Grand Secretary to set apart 10 per cent. of the revenue of the Grand Lodge to constitute a widow and orphan fund. This resolution was laid on the table, and probably overlooked in the press of business at the close of the session. The original resolution of 1854, did not contemplate a provision for the *widows* of Odd-Fellows. A resolution passed at the same time, granted them certificates which enables them at any time to throw themselves upon the charity and claim the assistance of the brethren. It would seem as if the provision made for them was sufficient to secure the protection of the Order. For the orphan, no provision of any kind has been made. They have no certificate granted to enable them to claim the aid of the Order, and the only notice taken of them is, to enrol their names as the orphans of Odd-Fellows. I call your attention to this matter, and hope some immediate steps will be taken to place the Grand Lodge in such a position

that when called upon it can redeem a solemn pledge made at one of its earliest communications.

At your last communication, the Grand Secretary was instructed to proceed to Raleigh and procure from P. G. S. Cooke the property of the Grand Lodge, in his possession. I deemed this a proper occasion to effect an adjustment of the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its past Secretary, and instructed the Grand Secretary to examine all P. G. S. Cooke's claims, and report to me. The balance as stated due December 8th, 1854, is one hundred and eighty-three dollars seventy-nine cents, ($183 79). The Grand Master has not felt himself authorized to pay any thing on this account; but I am convinced there is an amount justly due the brother. The principal difficulty in fixing the true amount seems to be this. In 1850, (see page 289, Journal,) P. G. S. Cooke was authorized to publish the proceedings of the Grand Lodge up to that time, and the committee to supervise said publication was authorized to subscribe for 150 copies at one dollar and a half per copy. In 1851, P. G. S. Cooke was authorized to embrace the proceedings of that year in the same volume, and fifty cents additional was allowed him per copy; but P. G. S. Cooke also printed the proceedings of that year in pamphlet, and charges in his account this additional printing. Whether he exceeded the instructions of the Grand Lodge, I am unable to determine. It is desirable that you adjust the whole matter at the present session of this body; it is but just to all parties, and further delay will but complicate the difficulty. P. G. S. Cooke has been requested to attend this communication with his accounts.

A resolution was passed by the last Grand Lodge, directing the reports of the subordinates, together with the books of the Secretary, to be audited by a committee of brethren residing in Wilmington. All the reports and accounts have been placed in the hands of this committee, and I have no doubt they will make a full report during the session of this body.

Several resolutions requiring certain duties of the Grand Secretary have been attended to, and the directions of your Grand Body fully followed. All the property of the Grand Lodge remaining in the hands of P. G. S. Cooke has been received. The resolutions in favor of Brown Creek Lodge were forwarded; notice given to subordinates to forward the name of the Post Office nearest each Lodge; the expression of the feeling of the Grand Lodge for the loss of P. G. M. Busbee, communicated to his family; a card furnished Bro. Stephen H. Johnson, of Covenant Lodge; and all the other duties of the Grand Secretary performed, so far as is known, to the satisfaction of the brotherhood. The correspondence of his office has

been very voluminous, owing partly to the fact that balances remained standing against many of the Lodges on the books of P. G. S. Cooke; which, as the Lodges had frequently settled their accounts since those debts were made, were hard to explain.

The delinquency of some of the Lodges has been a source of trouble as well as regret with the Grand Officers. In making the report to the last Grand Lodge of the United States, we were obliged to leave out the reports of twenty-three Lodges, which makes us appear in the report of the G. L. U. S. with diminished strength, while in fact the present report to this Grand Body in which the reports of fifteen Lodges are not included, shows an increase of membership. I would suggest that your Grand Body impress on the installing officers the importance of forwarding the reports (particularly for the term ending in June) promptly to the Grand Secretary.

On the 27th of August last, I received the resignation of P. G. M. Thomas H. Hardenbergh as the Representative of your body to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Whereupon Grand Treasurer, A. Paul Repiton, was appointed to succeed him. Our Representatives were at their posts, and are prepared to make the customary report.

The letter-book and correspondence of the Grand Master will be placed in the hands of your committee. In the decisions made, I have endeavored to follow as far as possible those of more experienced officers; if in any case I have erred, it is a duty you owe to the Order to see the error corrected and a proper decision put on record.

Several dispensations to alter time of meeting and hold celebrations have been issued.

On the 30th of June last, a dispensation was granted to Carolina Lodge, No. 52, allowing her to remove from Jamestown to High Point. I have not been informed whether she has availed herself of the privilege; at my last advices she had not. Her representative will be able to give you all necessary information as to the action of the Lodge.

At your last communication, P. G. W. B. Myers was requested to take charge of the books, papers, &c., of the late Covenant Lodge. I have not been advised of his action on this case, but presume he will report to you.

The charter fee of Ezel Lodge has been paid over to the Grand Master, and will be handed to your finance committee.

P. G. W. B. Myers has the charter fee of Marlboro' Lodge, thirty dollars, which will be accounted for by him. These two, amounting to sixty dollars, will increase the available funds to $1,264 03.

We have passed through a season of severe pecuniary diffi-

culty; this has affected the Lodges as severely as it has individuals. It is a matter of congratulation that our finances have been maintained in so good a state.

I trust that your communication will be one of great benefit to the Order, that you will make a thorough examination of its work in all its parts, and as far as possible make it more useful and available for the diffusion of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

W. S. G. ANDREWS, *G. M.*

P. G. Caldwell moved that the Report of the M. W. G. Master be referred as follows, viz:

All that portion thereof that relates to the financial condition and affairs of the Grand Lodge, to the Committe on Finance.

So much as relates to the institution of New Lodges, to the Committee on Petitions.

So much as relates to the failure of Subordinate Lodges to make the required returns, to the Committee on Returns and Reports.

The correspondence of the office, to the Committee on Correspondence.

So much as relates to Occidental Lodge, and to the condition and work of the Order, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to P. G. S. William D. Cooke to a Special Committee of three, to be appointed by the M. W. G. Master.

All that relates to the education of orphans of members whose Lodges are unable to aid them, to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Which motion was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER.

P. G. M. Disosway submitted the Report of P. G. Rep. John N. Washington, the Committee on Rules of Order, appointed at the last session, as follows:

To the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of N. C.

The undersigned, appointed at the last annual communication, a committee to draw up Rules of Order for the government of the Grand Lodge in the conduct of its deliberations, has discharged the duty assigned him, and begs leave to submit herewith the result of his labors.

In the compilation submitted, he has not hesitated to lay under contribution the codes of various deliberative bodies within his reach; drawing chiefly, however, from the Rules of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

His endeavor has been, mainly, to simplify those herewith reported, in their character and expression, so as to render the machinery of deliberation as plain and intelligible as practicable.

He does not presume to hope that they might not be very much improved upon. If they shall, however, meet a want that has long been felt by every member of this Right Worthy Body, his highest expectations will be amply realized.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. N. WASHINGTON, *Committee.*

RULES OF ORDER.

I.

Rules for organizing the Grand Lodge at the beginning of a Communication.

1st. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats; and, at the sound of the gavel, there shall be general silence. The presiding officer shall then direct the Grand Secretary to call the roll of officers; after which the Grand Secretary shall report the number of Lodges from which Representatives are present, when, if there be a quorum, the Grand Chaplain shall be requested to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer. The Deputy Grand Master shall then examine the Representatives present and report to the presiding officer; and if correct, the presiding officer shall direct the members to clothe themselves in proper regalia and take their seats. The Deputy Grand Master shall then, at the request of the presiding officer, proclaim the Lodge duly open for the transaction of business.

2d. A committee of three shall be appointed by the chair, to examine and report upon the Credentials of Representatives.

3d. The minutes of the last Annual Communication shall be read and passed upon, unless the same be dispensed with by a vote of the Lodge.

4th. The Report of the Grand Master, of his acts and doings during the preceding year, shall be presented.

5th. The presiding officer shall appoint the following Standing Committees, viz:

Committee on the State of the Order.
Committee on Finance.
Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
Committee on Petitions.
Committee on Correspondence.
Committee on Returns and Reports of Subordinate Lodges.
Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.
Committee on Subordinate Lodges not represented.
Committee on Unfinished Business.

II.

Daily Order of Business.

1st. Upon the opening of the Lodge each morning (after the commencement of the Communication,) the first business in order, after reading and disposing of the minutes of preceding day's proceedings, shall be Reports of Committees.

First, Special Committees, by seniority; second, Standing Committees, in the order of their appointment.

2d. Petitions, grievances, and appeals, shall be next presented, read and referred.

3d. Communications received and disposed of.

4th. Resolutions and Motions.

5th. Special orders at their fixed hours.

III.

Rules of General Application.

1st. The Grand Lodge shall be opened each morning with prayer.

2d. No motion or resolution shall be the subject of debate until it has been seconded and stated by the chair.

3d. All resolutions shall be in writing; and all motions shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member of the Lodge.

4th. When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be entertained, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to amend or to refer. And the motions thus enumerated shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. The first two shall be decided without debate.

5th. A motion to lay an amendment on the table, if decided in the affirmative, shall not carry with it the original question.

6th. When the reading of a paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Lodge.

7th. Before putting a question to a vote, the presiding officer shall ask "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Lodge are ready for the question, he shall rise and put it.

8th. While the presiding officer is putting a question or addressing the Lodge, no one shall walk out of or across the room, nor entertain private discourse.

9th. After the presiding officer shall have risen to put a question, no member shall speak upon it, except by unanimous consent.

10th. The presiding officer, or any member of the Lodge, doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Lodge upon it.

11th. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in regalia suited to his rank and standing in the Order.

12th. When a member rises to speak, or to make a motion, or offer a resolution, or to present any matter for the consideration of the Lodge, he shall address the presiding officer by his official title; and should he have occasion to allude to any other member, he shall do so in respectful language, applying to him the title appropriate to his rank in the Order.

13th. Every member, while speaking, shall confine himself to the question under discussion, avoiding all personalities or indecorous language, as well as all improper reflections upon the Lodge and its members.

14th. If a member, while on the floor, shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined; when, if the decision be in his favor, he may proceed.

15th. Any member may appeal from the decision of the chair; and in such cases, the question shall be—"Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"

16th. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, until all the members of the Lodge have had an opportunity to speak, if they desire; and not then without the consent of the presiding officer.

17th. The Chairman of a Committee shall always have the privilege of closing the debate upon any matter reported upon by the committee of which he is chairman.

18th. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

19th. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, without his consent and the permission of the presiding officer, except it be to call him to order.

20th. When a petition, memorial, or communication is presented to the Lodge, the introducer shall be at liberty to make a brief statement of its contents.

21st. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the largest sum or number and the longest time proposed.

22d. Any member may call for a division of the question, when the sense will admit of it.

23d. Every member shall vote on all questions and serve on committees, unless excused by the Lodge.

24th. All Reports of Committees shall be in writing, signed by the members thereof.

25th. No member shall be allowed to vote after the result has been announced, except by unanimous consent.

26th. The yeas and nays shall be ordered and recorded when demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

27th. Any Representative shall have the right to call for a vote by Lodges.

28th. When a question has been indefinitely postponed, it cannot be again considered during that communication, except by unanimous consent; which consent must be given without debate.

29th. A question or matter laid on the table, may be called up for consideration at any time by a vote of the Lodge.

30th. Any member who voted with the majority in any question, may move for a reconsideration thereof, at any time during the communication.

31st. A motion made and carried to indefinitely postpone a motion to reconsider, disposes finally of the consideration of the original question, during the communication at which it may be passed.

32d. Any member has the right to protest against any of the proceedings of the Lodge; and to have his protest spread upon the Journal, if in respectful language.

33d. No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time; that is to say, an amendment, and an amendment to the amendment, and the question shall be first taken on the latter.

34th. Any member guilty of a breach of decorum, may be ordered to take his seat, by the presiding officer; and the Lodge may, by a vote, order him to be reprimanded, or to leave the room.

35th. If the Lodge shall order a member to leave the room, he shall not again be allowed to participate in the deliberations, until after ample apology.

36th. The final adjournment of each communication of this Grand Lodge shall be immediately preceded by prayer.

D. G. Master Hoke moved that the Report be received and the Rules of Order adopted, which was concurred in.

Bro. B. F. Harrison, of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, was appointed Steward of the Grand Lodge during its present session, with the usual compensation.

G. Rep. Repiton moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to P. G. Rep. Jno. N. Washington for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duty imposed upon him at the last session of this Grand Body.

P. G. Caldwell offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That each Lodge in good standing within this jurisdiction be allowed to have one public celebration and procession in Regalia during the present official year.

On motion of D. G. Master Hoke the G. L. agreed to take a recess until 2½ o'clock.

2½ O'clock, P. M.

The G. L. assembled pursuant to the order of recess.

The chair announced the appointment of the following committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Caldwell, Williams and J. E. Jones.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Burr, Banner and Proctor.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—Reps. Lutterloh, Womble and Lawrence.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Hall, Johnson and Neal.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—Reps. Repiton, Whitfield and Jackson.

Committee on By-Laws.—Reps. Weirman, Smith and Rigler.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Douglass, Moore and Bailey.

Committee on Subordinate Lodges not Represented.—Reps. Clark, Reinhardt and Potter.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—G. W. Morris and Reps. Edwards and Wetherly.

Special Committee on P. G. Secretary Cooke's Books and Accounts.—Reps. Conoley, Keith and Frizzell.

An appeal was received from Edgecombe Lodge, No. 50, and referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

A petition was received from Carolina Lodge, No. 52, and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The By-Laws of Carolina Lodge, No. 52, were presented and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The By-Laws of Enterprise Lodge, No. 44, were presented and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

P. G. W. L. Smith, from the committee appointed at the last session, to audit the accounts of the Grand Secretary, and examine the reports of the Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which on motion was received and laid on the table:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to examine the returns of Subordinate Lodges and audit the accounts of the Grand Secretary, offer the following report:

Returns for 1st Term, 1854.

Washington, No. 3, per centage calculations W. & O. Fund, overpayment of $1 80.—Cross Creek, No. 4.—Thaddeus, No. 5.—Neuse, No. 6.—Eureka, No. 7.—Manteo, No. 8.—Mecklenburg Dec. No. 9, dues estimated on W. & O. Fund, $19 30; over pay't, $2 90; error in ex. $3, 45 cts—total, $3 35.—Winchester, No. 16.—Smyrna, No. 18, error in extension, $7 37; due Grand Lodge, $1 11.—Mountain, No. 19.—Muchuena, No. 20, error in calculation of per centage in favor of Grand Lodge, 75 cts.—Tuscarora, No. 22.—Columbus, No. 27.—Yadkin, No. 30.—Samaritan, No. 31.—Occidental, No. 33.—Contentnea, No. 34, error in report in favor of Grand Lodge of $1 50.—Howard, No. 35.—Salem, No. 36, error in calculation of per centage in favor of Salem Lodge, $1 53.—Excelsior, No. 41.—Lumber River, No. 42, reports $17 25 received for dues, which appears too small an amount for a Lodge containing 34 members.—Enterprise, No. 44.—Farmington, No. 46, error in calculation of per centage in favor of Grand Lodge, 63 cents.

2d Term, 1854.

Cape Fear, No. 2.—Cross Creek, No. 4.—Thaddeus, No. 3, pays per centage on $14 25, which is evidently wrong.—Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9, error of 60 cents, in favor Gr. Lodge.—Yadkin, No. 30, reports whole revenue $214 46; pays per centage on $30 88, inexplicable.—Samaritan, No. 31, reports dues paid & unpaid $149 92; pays per centage on $160, apparent over payment of dues, $1 50.—Contentnea, No. 34, reports whole revenue $106 75; pays per centage on $74 75.—

Salem, No. 36.—Catawba, No. 40.—Excelsior, No. 41, error in extension 90 cents in favor of Grand Lodge.—Brown Creek, No. 43.—Davie, No. 51, report shows receipts for initiation $65; degrees $110; dues $34 65; total, $209 65; pays per centage on $164 96, apparent error.

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Mountain, No. 19, report shows receipts $95 97; states whole revenue $258 41; pays per centage on $68 91: discrepancy.—Tuscarora, No. 22, error in extension of revenue 76 cents in favor of said Lodge.—Oriental, No. 34, states receipts $116 81; pays per centage on $58 50.—Yadkin, No. 30, states whole revenue $254 23, but does not show how derived; pays per centage on $52 70.—Contentnea, No. 34, shows receipts exclusive of W. & O. Fund, $66 05; pays per centage on $30; states whole revenue $73 05; reports amount due Grand Lodge $7, which is wrong; it should be $9 91.—Excelsior, No. 41, states whole revenue $132; pays per centage on $77, evidently wrong.—Lumber River, No. 42, error in calculation of per cent- of $2 01 in favor of Grand Lodge.

Your committtee in the examination of these reports deemed it unnecessary to note any error or discrepancy, except financial, but would call the attention of all Subordinate Lodges to the glaring fact of the general loose and incorrect manner of making reports in the following particulars:

Reports not properly signed by officers of Lodges.
Relief reports imperfect, and often none.
Seal of the Lodge often omitted.
Names of expelled members not stated.
Incorrect statement of revenue.
List of members not stated annually by some Lodges.
Statistical report for 1854 omitted.

We would recommend the statement in each report of the monthly dues charged by each Lodge, to enable the examining committee to ascertain whether their statement (which at present is absolute) of revenue is correct.

We have compared the foregoing reports with the Books of the Grand Secretary, and find his entries to correspond.

The Books of Secretary Cooke are still in an unsettled and unhealthy condition, and exhibit the following balances due Grand Lodge:

From Washington,	No. 3	$13 96		
Thaddeus,	" 5	6 90		
Neuse,	" 6	13 13		
Eureka,	" 7	11 95		
Manteo,	" 8	3 90		
Meck. Dec.,	" 9	1 38		
Trent,	" 12	7 66		
Winchester,	" 16	4 47		
Covenant,	" 17	3 10		
Mountain,	" 19	26 15		
Piedmont,	" 25	28 71		
North State,	" 26	2 96		
Esperanza,	" 28	31 82		
Columbus,	" 27	75 45		
Howard,	" 35	3 60		
Occidental,	" 33	65		
			$235	79

To the Credit of the following Lodges:

Cape Fear,	No. 2	$ 3 24		
Cross Creek,	" 4	1 66		
Concordia,	" 11	55		
Franklin,	" 13	1 68		
Achoree,	" 14	5 88		
Smyrna,	" 18	4 30		
Muchuena,	" 20	3 66		
Buena Vista,	" 21	12 05		
Tuscarora,	" 22	7 77		
Tryon,	" 23	62		
Oriental,	" 24	2 10		
Falling Creek,	" 29	1 50		
Yadkin,	" 30	12 90		
Contentnea,	" 34	1 40		
			$59	31
Balance due Grand Lodge,			$176	48

List of Balances from the Books of T. M. Gardner, Grand Secretary.

DEBITS (*up to Oct.* 24, 1855.)

Washington Lodge,	No. 3	$13	69
Cross Creek	" 4	3	16
Thaddeus	" 5	2	46
Neuse	" 6	2	03
Eureka	" 7	2	50
Meck. Dec.	" 9		64
Phalanx	" 10	4	85
Concordia	" 11		07
		$29	40

Amount brought forward			$29 40	
Achoree	Lodge, No.	14	70	
Winchester	"	16	08	
Muchuena	"	20	1 08	
Buena Vista	"	21	19 40	
Oriental	"	24	04	
Falling Creek	"	29	3 75	
Caswell	"	32	11	
Contentnea	"	34	1 91	
Olive Branch	"	37	79	
Pee Dee	"	39	2 15	
Catawba	"	40	22	
Excelsior	"	41	2 43	
Lumber River	"	42	3 14	
Clarendon	"	45	7 98	
Palmetto	"	48	40	
Hardenbergh	"	49	2 40	
Edgecombe	"	50	3 90	
Carolina	"	52	4 50	
Monroe	"	53	32 00	
Ezil	"	54	29 62	
Marlborough	"	55	32 00	
				$178 00

CREDIT.

Smyrna	Lodge, No.	18	$ 45	
Mountain	"	19	14	
Tuscarora	"	22	6	
Piedmont	"	25	52	
Columbus	"	27	97	
Esperanza	"	28	94	
Samaritan	"	31	26	
Howard	"	35	2 25	
Salem	"	36	7 98	
Constancia	"	38	2 89	
Brown Creek	"	43	1 35	
Enterprize	"	44	16	
Farmington	"	46	1 17	
Davie	"	51	29	
				$19 43

Balance due Grand Lodge	158 57
From Secretary Cooke's Books	176 48
Total	335 05
Also Samaritan, No. 31, on Secretary Cooke's Books, and no dues per report for 2d term, 1850,	4 55
	339 60
From which balance deduct the balances due Lodge Nos. 12 and 17, defunct	10 76
	$328 84

This committee would recommend that the representatives of each Lodge having unsettled accounts (on the Books of the past or present Secretary), take some pains to close up said accounts, or at least investigate them during the present session of this body, so as to put them in a train for settlement, for two important reasons. First, this Grand Lodge is in urgent need of the funds; second, delay only increases the difficulty of settlement.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. L. SMITH,
JOHN J. CONOLEY,
Committee.

Rep. Williams offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing year to-morrow afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 9½ O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present W. S. G. Andrews, M. W. Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

Prayer by the Rev. M. L. Douglass, R. W. Grand Chaplain. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

P. G. Caldwell, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's communication as relates to Occidental Lodge, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and are unanimously of opinion, that the course pursued by the G. M., under all the circumstances of the case, is proper and commendable, and recommend its approval by this Grand Body. The committee declines recommending any further action at this time relative to this matter, believing that said Lodge will strictly comply with the established rules and usages of the Order. With this report we beg leave to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RD. A. CALDWELL,
THOS. WILLIAMS,
J. E. JONES.

Rep. Disosway, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Credentials have had presented to them the certificates of the following Representatives, and find them in form, and recommend that they be admitted to seats, and the P. O. Degrees be conferred on them:

LODGES.	*No.*	*NAMES.*
ESPERANZA	28	CHAS. LATHAM.
MUCHUENA	20	JOHN M. PRICE.
ORIENTAL	24	H. L. WARD.
HARDENBERG	49	R. GIBSON.

Respectfully submitted,

I. DISOSWAY,
C. LUTTERLOH,
M. L. DOUGLASS.

G. C. Douglass, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the Petition of Carolina Lodge, No. 52, praying for a charter, recommend that a charter be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
JOHN A. BAILEY,
W. H. MOORE.

G. Chaplain Douglass, from the same committee, made the following report, which was not adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the Petition of Carolina Lodge, No. 52, praying that this Grand Lodge grant them the privilege of holding the regular and stated meetings of their Lodge only once a month, viz: on the Wednesday evening immediately preceding each full moon.

The only difficulty that presents itself to your committee in granting the prayer of the petitioners is, in regard to the eligibility of the officers to the higher positions growing out of their service in office. The laws of the Order make twenty-six nights a term, and require *actual* service for a majority of the nights embraced in such term, in order to entitle an officer to the Past Official Degrees. This difficulty, however, in the judgment of your committee, will be obviated by requiring the officers of said Lodge to serve two years, instead of six months.

The reasons stated in the petition, we think, are sufficiently strong to justify the granting of the privilege prayed for. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Respectfully submitted,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
JOHN A. BAILEY,
WM. H. MOORE.

Rep. J. E. Jones presented a petition from Bro. S. F. Johnson and others, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

D. G. Master Hoke presented a communication from Concordia Lodge, No. 11, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter from the G. L. of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Banner presented a communication from Davie Lodge, No. 51, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Disosway offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of $29 83, being principal and interest on $23, amount due Eureka Lodge, No. 7, in May, 1852, for a seal and press purchased from said Lodge by this Grand Lodge, which amount was ordered to be endorsed on the bond due from Eureka Lodge, No. 7, which has been neglected until this time, be now entered as a credit on said bond.

Rep. Bailey presented the By-Laws of Ezil Lodge, No. 54, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

P. G. Caldwell moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to have published, for the benefit of this Grand Body, the rules of order, which have been adopted for its government.

D. Grand Master Hoke presented a communication from Mountain Lodge, No. 19, which was referred to the Special Committee on P. G. Secretary Cooke's Books.

P. G. M. Disosway, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of N. C., I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, requesting this Grand Lodge to confer on Bro. J. C. Bailey the Past Grand and G. L. Degrees, have had the same under consideration, and recommend concurrence.

Respectfully submitted,

I. DISOSWAY,
M. L. DOUGLASS,
C. LUTTERLOH.

P. G. J. C. Bailey was introduced, and the P. G. and G. L. Degrees conferred on him in due form.

Grand Chaplain Douglass, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication of J. M. Johnson, Secretary of Davie Lodge, applying for a charter, respectfully recommend that a charter be granted to Davie Lodge, No. 51.

Submitted in F. L. & T.,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
JOHN A. BAILEY,
WM. H. MOORE.

D. Grand Master Hoke moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Mountain Congressional District be divided so as to form two districts, for which D. D. G. Ms. are appointed, viz: That Wilkes, Wautauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Rutherford and Polk counties comprise one; and the counties of Yancy, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Cherokee, constitute the other, and that the first named in this resolution be known as the 8th district, and the latter as the 9th district.

P. G. M. Disosway moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the sum of $——, being the amount of per centage paid by Eureka Lodge, No. 7, to this Grand Lodge, the sum due from certain members of said Lodge, expelled for non-payment of dues, be allowed the Representative of said Lodge, in settlement of the bond due from Eureka Lodge to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter from P. G. Wm. B. Myers, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

P. G. Caldwell, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the following resolution, propounded by Br. William J. Hoke, viz:

Resolved, "That the Mountain Congressional District be divided so as to form two districts, for which D. D. G. Masters be appointed, and that the counties of Wilkes, Wautauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, and Polk, comprise the first; and the counties of Yancy, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Macon, Jackson, and Cherokee, constitute the other; and that the first named in this resolution be known as the eighth district, and the second as the ninth district;"

Beg leave to report that they are unanimously of opinion, that the above resolution should become a law of this Grand Body, and respectfully recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. CALDWELL,
THOS. WILLIAMS.

On motion, the Grand Lodge agreed to take a recess until 2½ o'clock.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order of recess.

The chair appointed P. Grands Conoley, Bell and Wood, the Committee on Printing Rules of Order.

Rep. Lutterloh, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, beg leave to report that an appeal from the decision of Edgecombe Lodge, No. 50, in the expulsion of A. S. Ellison, has come before us, and after a careful examination of all the papers, we find that the Secretary was instructed to furnish the member with a copy of the charge, and notify him to appear before the Lodge at the time appointed for trial; but from the papers we have no evidence that such was done. But from the evidence of a member of that Lodge (Bro. H. S. Smith), we are fully satisfied that he was legally summoned. All things considered, your committee would recommend that the action of Edgecombe Lodge be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. LUTTERLOH,
B. WAMBLE,
B. B. LAWRENCE.

Resolved, That the decision of Edgecombe Lodge, in the expulsion of A. S. Ellison, be confirmed.

Rep. Lutterloh, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, beg leave to report, that an appeal from the decision of Mountain Lodge, No. 19, in the expulsion of J. B. Paukey, has come before us, and after careful examination of the papers before us, we find the proceedings of said Lodge to be correct, and recommend that the decision of the Lodge be confirmed by your Right Worthy Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. LUTTERLOH,
B. WAMBLE,
B. B. LAWRENCE.

Resolved, That the decision of Mountain Lodge, No. 19, in the expulsion of J. B. Paukey, be confirmed.

Grand Chaplain Douglass, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to new Lodges, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that charters be granted to Ezil Lodge, No. 54, and Marlboro' Lodge, No. 55. With regard to Monroe Lodge, No. 53, it appears that through the neglect of the D. D. G. Master of that district, said Lodge has not yet been instituted. We recommend that the D. D. G. Master, who shall be appointed for that district for the ensuing year, be instructed to institute said Lodge; and that upon his certifying the fact to the Grand Secretary, he be authorized to issue a charter.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
JOHN A. BAILEY,
WM. H. MOORE.

Grand Warden Morris moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary hereafter be three hundred dollars per annum.

Rep. Clarke, from the Committee on Subordinate Lodges not represented, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Lodges not represented beg leave to report that the following Lodges are not represented:

Washington, No. 3; Achoree, No. 14; Smyrna, No. 18; Piedmont, No. 25; Columbus, No. 27; Falling Creek, No. 29; Yadkin, No. 30; Samaritan, No. 31; Caswell, No. 32; Contentnea, No. 34; Excelsior, No. 41; Lumber River, No. 42; Farmington, No. 46; Palmetto, No. 48; Davie, No. 51; Marlboro', No. 55. All of which is respectfully submitted,

POMEROY CLARKE,
WM. P. REINHARDT,
HENRY POTTER.

Grand Rep. Repiton moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That for the ensuing year the salary of Grand Treasurer be twenty-five dollars.

Grand Chaplain Douglass, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the petition of former members of Cov-

enant Lodge, No. 17. The said Lodge has become extinct; and the petition prays for a re-charter of the old Lodge, or (if there should be difficulties in the way) for a charter for a new Lodge, to be called Pitt, or any other name which may be suitable; and also for certificates of regular standing in the Order of a number of brethren whose names are appended to the petition.

From all the information that we have been able to derive, we are satisfied that Amos Evans, Chas. J. O. Hagan, John Evans, William Evans, John V. Johnston; Henry C. Jordan, James Nelson, Thomas A. Braswell, Germain Bernard and Thos. E. Nelson, were scarlet members of good standing in said Lodge at the time it ceased to exist; and that William Tisdale and A. W. Marshall were initiatory members of good standing. We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish them with certificates accordingly. We also recommend that a charter be granted to S. F. Johnston, F. A. Gorham, scarlet members of Phalanx Lodge, and the scarlet members above named, instituting at Greenville, Pitt county, a new Lodge, under the name of Hanks Lodge, No. 56. Submitted in F. L. & T.,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
JOHN A. BAILEY,
WM. H. MOORE.

Resolved, That the brethren named in the above report be furnished with certificates as recommended in the above report; and also that a charter be granted as recommended by the committee.

P. G. Conoley, from the Special Committee on P. G. Secretary Cooke's Books, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. O. F.

The Special Committee on P. G. S. Cooke's Books, to whom was referred the account between this R. W. G. Lodge and Mountain Lodge, No. 19 (as appearing on S. Cooke's Books), beg leave to report that upon due examination they find that the Lodge has been charged over per centage, and would most respectfully recommend that the account against said Lodge be balanced.

JOHN J. CONOLEY,
WM. A. KEATH,
W. W. FRIZZELL.

Grand Rep. Repiton submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. O. F.

By an appointment of the M. W. Grand Master, W. S. G. Andrews, I was unexpectedly called upon to fill a vacancy in the Grand Lodge United States, caused by the resignation of

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenberg. I attended the late session of that body, and found a full and intellectual representation present. The proceedings were marked with great unanimity of sentiment and harmony of feeling. I know of nothing special which came before the G. L. U. S., calling for action on our part, unless the rejection of the proposition to merge the two branches of the Order be so considered. The question was, I may say, annihilated by voting down all the proposed and necessary alterations in the Constitution and Laws of the G. Lodge U. S., which such a change would have effected. Your representatives had therefore to submit to a perfect overthrow of all they were instructed to do in this particular. It will be years, if ever, before there will be a mergement of the two branches of the Order.

Various expedients were under consideration for the purpose of relieving the financial condition of the G. Lodge U. S. A proposition was made, if not now pending, for holding biennial sessions of said body, and to increase the amount now paid by Subordinate Grand Lodges for representation in the same. There may be other matter which it might be well to notice; but being a novice, and my colleague G. Rep. Walter L. Steele and myself having agreed thereto, and it being fully understood, that *he* would submit a report in person, or transmit it to me for presentation before this body, his failure to attend, or send said report, altogether places your present incumbent in rather an awkward dilemma. I hope, however, my statement and apology will be accepted, and trust that in future no such difficulty may arise.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PAUL REPITON.

P. G. Rep. Burr moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, Walter L. Steele and A. Paul Repiton, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The chair announced the election of Grand Officers, as now in order, under the resolution of yesterday, whereupon the G. L. proceeded to nominations for the office of M. W. Grand Master. The following nomination was made:

Rep. Weirman nominated *D. G. M. Wm. J. Hoke.*

The chair announced the appointment of P. G. R. J. Jones and Rep. J. M. Price as tellers, who having received the ballots, reported that D. G. Master W. J. Hoke had received a majority of all the votes cast.

The chair accordingly announced that D. G. M. W. J. Hoke, of Mountain Lodge, No. 19, having received a majority of all

the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Lodge proceeded to nominations for the Office of Deputy Grand Master, when the following were made:

Rep. Ward nominated *G. M. Morriss.*
P. G. Rep. Burr " *P. G. Ward.*

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were called, reported that G. W. J. E. Morriss had received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced that G. W. J. E. Morriss, of Eureka Lodge, No. 7, having a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Secretary, when

P. G. Lawrence nominated *G. Rep. A. P. Repiton.*
" Edwards " *P. G. J. A. Weirman.*
" Wamble " " *S. W. Neal.*

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that G. R. A. P. Repiton had received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon the Grand Master announced that G. R. A. Paul Repiton, of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the ensuing year.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for Grand Treasurer.

P. G. Ward nominated *P. G. John J. Conoley.*
G. Sec'y Gardner " " *Rich'd J. Jones.*

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were called, reported that P. G. R. J. Jones had received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced that P. G. Richard J. Jones, of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Lodge proceeded to nominations for Grand Warden.

P. G. M. Disosway nominated *P. G. H. L. Ward.*
P. G. Rep. Burr " " *J. E. Jones.*
P. G. Weirman " " *Thos. Williams.*
P. G. Proctor " " *J. A. Weirman.*

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were called, reported that no brother had received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot. The name of P. G. Thos. Williams having been

dropped. The tellers having again received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that a majority of votes had not been cast for either of the nominees.

Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot. The name of H. L. Ward having been dropped. The tellers having again received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that P. G. J. E. Jones had received a majority of all the votes cast.

The chair accordingly announced that P. G. Justin E. Jones, of Phalanx Lodge, No. 10, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

The Lodge proceeded to nominations for Grand Chaplain.

P. G. Conoley nominated *G. C. Rev. M. L. Douglass.*
" Gardner " *P. G. H. L. Ward.*

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that P. G. Rev. M. L. Douglass had received a majority of the votes cast.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced that P. G. Rev. M. L. Douglass, of Falling Creek Lodge, No. 29, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Grand Representative Repiton tendered his resignation as G. R. to the G. L. U. S., which, on motion, was accepted.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for Grand Representative to the G. L. U. S. for the long term.

P. G. R. Repiton nominated *P. G. R. A. Caldwell.*

Rep. Price moved that the G. L. adjourn until 9½ o'clock tomorrow morning, which was not adopted.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that P. G. R. A. Caldwell had received a majority of the votes cast.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced that P. G. R. A. Caldwell, of Pee Dee Lodge, No. 39, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly chosen Grand Representative to the G. L. U. S. for two years.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to nominations for Grand Representative to the G. L. U. S. for the short term.

P. G. Price nominated *P. G. R. A. Paul Repiton.*
G. R. Caldwell " " *John N. Washington.*
P. G. R. Repiton " " *Walter L. Steele.*
P. G. Frizzell " *P. G.* *Charles Lutterloh.*

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that no brother had received a majority of all the votes cast.

D. G. M. Hoke moved that the election of Grand Representative for the short term be made the special order for 10½ o'clock to-morrow, which was adopted.

P. G. M. Disosway, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Credentials have in their possession the certificate of Lumber River Lodge, No. 42, showing the appointment of P. S. Eli Wishart, which being in form, they beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,
I. DISOSWAY,
M. L. DOUGLASS,
C. LUTTERLOH.

Resolved, That P. S. Wishart be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the G. L. adjourned until 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOV., 9½ O'CLOCK.

The G. L. convened pursuant to adjournment. Present, W. S. G. Andrews, M. W. Grand Master, all the Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

P. G. Caldwell, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication and accompanying papers from Concordia Lodge, beg leave to report that they have considered the same with that attention which the importance of the subject demands, and after advisement submit the following as the result of their deliberations. The committee are compelled to refrain from stating the facts and circumstances of this deplorable matter, as a disclosure of the same would be inconsistent with our obligations as members of the I. O. of O. F. The settlement of this subject properly devolves upon the members of Concordia Lodge, consequently this Grand Body can adopt no compulsory measures as the case now stands. The committee however recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That P. G. Ms. T. H. Hardenberg and Israel Disosway, and P G. R. John N. Washington, be appointed a committee to attend Concordia Lodge as soon as convenient, and adjust, if possible, the unhappy difference at present existing among the members of the same.

Resolved, That the G. S. be required to forward to each of the above named brothers a copy of the foregoing resolution immediately upon the adjournment of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. CALDWELL,
THOS. WILLIAMS,
J. E. JONES.

Rep. Proctor, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the Letter Book of the Grand Master, and sundry documents connected with the correspondence of this Grand Body; and while they find nothing to condemn, discover much to approve.

The letters of the Grand Master disclose the true spirit of Odd-Fellowship; and prove his official action to have been governed by good intention, correct judgment, and a proper zeal for the interests of the Order.

A number of decisions, generally on minor points of importance, have been made; and your committee, while deeming it unnecessary to recapitulate them here, would yet state their entire concurrence in them all. We think there can be no doubt of their correctness. A practice (which we here take occasion to condemn) prevails, to too great an extent, with members of the Order, to refer all points springing up in the management of Lodges, whether mooted or not, to the decision of the Grand Master. The slightest difficulty—the least difference of opinion—is at once referred to him, without at all consulting, or if so, very imperfectly, the laws and precedents of the institution. Hence the labor of that officer is made onerous, and he is saddled with a pile of correspondence, which, by the proper attention of those addressing him, would never have been imposed. Questions are asked that have been decided time and again. Points are raised that even a cursory examination would show to have been settled. We do not wish to check a proper spirit of inquiry, but the writing of unnecessary and sometimes of injudicious letters. The office of Grand Master is sufficiently burdensome, without the necessity of answering communications of this character.

Your committee find that dispensations have been granted to Edgecombe Lodge, No. 50; Samaritan, No. 31; and Enterprise, No. 44, to change the time of meeting. A dispensation has likewise been granted to Carolina Lodge, No. 52, to remove from Jamestown to High Point.

The action of the Grand Master in authorizing Occidental Lodge, No. 33, to continue to work, your committee fully approve. This Lodge had neglected to report and pay its dues for two stated communications of the Grand Lodge, and had thereby forfeited its charter. This body at its last session directed the Grand Master to procure the books and other property of the delinquent Lodge; but subsequently on proper representation, the making of the returns and the payment of its dues, the G. M. restored the charter to Occidental Lodge, with full powers to continue to act. We see nothing to disapprove of in this. The Lodge had repaired its delinquencies. The causes which had produced a forfeiture of its charter no longer existed, and the Grand Master had full power to act in the premises. Your committee recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions. Fraternally submitted,

T. BURR, Jr.,
ISAAC PROCTOR,
C. L. BANNER.

Resolved, That the decisions of the Grand Master on the questions of principle and practice during his term of service, as contained in his Letter Book, be affirmed by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Master in regard to Occidental Lodge, No. 33, be approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Rep. Weirman, from the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws of Carolina Lodge, No. 52, and find nothing objectional in them, except sec. 4 of art. 25, which says that on a second ballot one or more black balls shall reject an applicant for membership, which, in the opinion of your committee, conflicts with art. 29 of the General Laws. Your committee would recommend that the article be so amended as to say two or more black balls; with which alteration we recommend they be approved.

The By-Laws of Ezil Lodge, No. 54, we find correct.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 44, proposes the following alterations, to wit: 2d and 4th articles, and 5th sec. art. 7, 2d sec. art. 9, and art. 20, and to strike out article 23, and amend sec. 4, art. 25, 1st and 5th sec. art. 26, 2d and 3d sec. art. 27, 1st, 2d and 6th sec. art. 28, and art. 30. All of which is approved by your committee, except 1st sec. art. 28, which does not allow any benefits to sick brothers for the first two weeks, which, in the opinion of your committee, conflicts with art. 23 of the General Laws. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. WEIRMAN,
L. H. SMITH,
JOHN RIGLER.

The hour having arrived for the special order of yesterday, the G. L. proceeded to the election of Grand Representative for the short term.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that no one had received a majority of the votes cast.

No election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot, the name of P. G. Lutterloh having been dropped. The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported no election.

The Lodge again proceeded to the election, the name of P. G. R. Steele having been dropped. The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that P. G. R. Jno. N. Washington had received a majority of the votes cast. Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced that P. G. R. John N. Washington, of Eureka Lodge, No. 7, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Representative to the G. L. U. S for one year.

Rep. Clarke, from the Committee on Subordinate Lodges not represented, made the following report, which was received:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Subordinate Lodges not represented beg leave to offer the following report: That since their report of yesterday the following Representatives have appeared and taken their seats, viz: P. G. Eli Wishard, of Lumber River Lodge, No. 42, and P. G. J. W. May, of Marlboro' Lodge, No. 55. Respectfully submitted,

P. CLARKE,
WM. P. REINHARDT,
HENRY POTTER.

Rep. Williams presented the following Petition, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned, in behalf of Howard Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F., respectfully asks your Grand Body to grant to Howard Lodge a charter, stating that he has never seen a charter granted said Lodge, and that if one ever was in their possession, it is either lost or mislaid, so that your petitioner cannot find it.

Most respectfully,

TH. WILLIAMS.

Rep. Johnson moved the following resolutions, which were laid over until the next communication, under the rule:

Resolved, That Sec. 2 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be repealed.

Resolved, That in all questions before the Grand Lodge, and in the election of officers of said Lodge, whenever the vote by Lodges is called for, every Lodge through its Past Grands, and each officer of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote.

Resolved, That Sec. 3 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended so as to read thus: The vote by Lodges on any question, or in the election of officers, may be required by any one Lodge.

Grand Chaplain Douglass asked leave of absence after to-day, which was granted.

P. G. Conoley stated to the G. L. that the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company have granted return tickets to the Representatives, and that the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company have refused to do the same.

The thanks of this G. L. were tendered to the W. and W. Railroad Company for their liberality.

P. G. R. Repiton moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on P. G. Secretary Cooke's Books be instructed not to allow $90, embraced in his bill, for printing the pamphlet proceedings of 1851, they not having been distributed.

G. W. Morris moved to amend by striking out all after "allow," in the second line, and insert "him any thing," which was not agreed to.

D. G. M. Hoke moved to refer the whole matter to the Committee on P. G. S. Cooke's Books, which was adopted.

Rep. Price was appointed chairman of the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Hall, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution introduced by P. G. Disosway, viz: "Resolved, That the sum of $——, being the amount of per centage paid by Eureka Lodge, No. 7, to the Grand Lodge in sums due from certain members of said Lodge, expelled for non-payment of dues, be allowed the representative of said Lodge in settlement of the bond due from Eureka Lodge to this Grand Lodge," have given the same due consideration and recommend that it do not pass. In lieu thereof, they recommend the passage of the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of North Carolina have learned with regret that Eureka Lodge, No. 7, has suffered severely by fire in the loss of its Lodge-room and partial destruction of its property, therefore

Resolved, That 10 per cent. on $428 87 be refunded to said Lodge, and the same be credited on the bond due this Grand Lodge, the said sum of $428 87 being the amount which has been accounted for by said Lodge to this Grand Lodge, but which amount was never in fact paid to Eureka Lodge, being amount due from members since expelled.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELI W. HALL,
JOSIAH JOHNSON,
S. W. NEAL.

Rep. Potter moved the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That Carolina Lodge, No. 52, be permitted to hold its stated meetings semi-monthly, except that in the months of January and July it shall hold three meetings, instead of two, as in the other months.

Rep. Bailey, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application made in behalf of Howard Lodge, No. 35, beg leave to report, that upon examination they find that a charter was granted said Lodge at the meeting of this Grand Body, held in May, 1851, but being satisfied said Lodge has not received its charter, we recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution. Respectfully submitted,

M. L. DOUGLASS,
JOHN A. BAILEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a charter for Howard Lodge, No. 35.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Rep. Whitfield, from the Committee on Reports and Returns, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns and Reports having made the necessary examination, present the following report:

They find the following Returns and Reports, for the term ending June 30th, 1854, to be in due form:

Cape Fear, No. 2; Washington, No. 3; Cross Creek, No. 4; Manteo, No. 8; Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9; Phalanx, No. 10; Achoree, No. 14; Smyrna, No. 18; Mountain, No. 19; Buena Vista, No. 21; Tuscarora, No. 22; Oriental, No. 24; Piedmont, No. 25; North State, No. 26; Falling Creek, No. 29; Yadkin, No. 30; Samaritan, No. 31; Caswell, No. 32; Howard, No. 35; Salem, No. 36; Excelsior, No. 41; Lumber River, No. 42; Brown Creek, No. 43; Clarendon, No. 45; Farmington, No. 46; Edgecombe, No. 50.

The following Reports have no Seals attached:

Neuse, No. 6; Columbus, No. 27; Esperanza, No. 28; Contentnea, No. 34; Catawba, No. 40; Enterprise, No. 44; Friendship, No. 47; Hardenburg, No. 49.

The following Returns are improperly signed:

Neuse, No. 6; Concordia, No. 11; Winchester, No. 16; Muchuena, No. 20; Columbus, No 27; Contentnea, No. 34; Olive Branch, No. 37; Constantia, No. 38; Catawba, No. 40; Enterprise, No. 44.

The following Returns have the name of the Post Office attached:

Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9; Smyrna, No. 18; Tuscarora, No. 22; Samaritan, No. 31; Howard, No. 35; Friendship, No. 47. All others are deficient in this respect

We find no Report from the following Lodges:

Thaddeus, No. 5; Eureka, No. 7; Occidental, No. 33; Palmetto, No. 48.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns and Reports, having made the necessary examination, present the following report:

They find the following Returns and Reports, for the term ending December 31st, 1854, to be in due form:

Cape Fear, No. 2; Washington, No. 3; Cross Creek, No. 4; Thaddeus, No. 5; Neuse, No. 6; Eureka, No. 7; Manteo, No. 8; Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9; Phalanx, No. 10; Achoree, No. 14; Winchester, No. 16; Smyrna, No. 18; Mountain, No. 19; Muchuena, No. 20; Tuscarora, No. 22; Piedmont, No. 25; Yadkin, No. 30; Caswell, No. 32; Salem, No. 36; Olive Branch, No. 37; Excelsior, No. 41; Lumber River, No. 42; Brown Creek, No. 43; Farmington, No. 46; Davie, No. 51.

The following reports have no Seals attached:

Concordia, No. 11; Buena Vista, No. 21; Oriental, No. 24; North State, No. 26; Columbus, No. 27; Enterprise, No. 44; Contentnea, No. 34; Howard, No. 35; Pee Dee, No. 39; Catawba, No. 40; Clarendon, No. 45; Edgecombe, No. 50.

The following Returns are improperly signed:

Falling Creek, No. 29; Samaritan, No. 31; Constantia, No. 38; Enterprise, No. 44; Edgecombe, No. 50.

The following Returns have no list of members attached:

Cape Fear, No. 2; Cross Creek, No. 4; Manteo, No. 8; Columbus, No. 27.

The following Report has the name of Post Office attached:

Friendship, No. 47. All others are deficient in this respect.

We find no Ruturns from the following Lodges:

Washington, No. 3; Occidental, No. 33; Pee Dee, No. 39; Palmetto, No. 48; Hardenburg, No. 49.

The following Reports and Returns, for the term ending July 30, 1855, are in proper form:

Cape Fear, No. 2; Washington, No. 3; Cross Creek, No. 4; Eureka, No. 7; Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9; Concordia,

No. 11; Achoree, No. 14; Smyrna, No. 18; Mountain, No. 19; Muchuena, No. 20; Buena Vista, No. 21; Tuscarora, No. 22; Oriental, No. 24; Piedmont, No. 25; Falling Creek, No. 29; Yadkin, No. 30; Caswell, No. 32; Constantia, No. 38; Lumber River, No. 42; Brown Creek, No. 43; Clarendon, No. 45; Farmington, No. 46; Carolina, No. 52.

The following Returns have no Seals attached:

Neuse, No. 6; Manteo, No. 8; North State, No. 26; Columbus, No. 27; Esperanza, No. 28; Contentnea, No. 34; Salem, No. 36; Pee Dee, No. 39; Catawba, No. 40; Excelsior, No. 41; Friendship, No. 47; Edgecombe, No. 50.

The following Returns are improperly signed:

Winchester, No. 16; Contentnea, No. 34; Howard, No. 35; Olive Branch, No. 37; Enterprise, No. 44; Friendship, No. 47.

None of the above Returns have the name of the Post Office attached.

We find no Returns from the following Lodges:

Washington, No. 3; Thaddeus, No. 5; Samaritan, No. 31; Occidental, No. 33; Palmetto, No. 48; Hardenburg, No. 49.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. PAUL REPITON,
WM. B. WHITFIELD,
J. H. JACKSON.

P. G. M. Disosway, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of N. C., I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Credentials having examined the certificate of Bro. J. W. May, as a representative from Marlboro' Lodge, No. 55, find the same in form, with the exception of the seal, which, as the above Lodge has been but a short time in operation, has not yet been procured. The committee report the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

I. DISOSWAY,
M. L. DOUGLASS,
C. LUTTERLOH.

Resolved, That Brd. J. W. May be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and instructed in the usual degrees.

Rep. Lawrence moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Winchester Lodge, No. 16, be allowed the necessary books for working in the Lodge; and also the books for conferring the degree of Rebecca. Said Lodge paying the usual prices for said books.

On motion, the G. L. went into secret session for instruction in the unwritten work. After the instruction was concluded, P. G. Disosway moved that the first business in order to-morrow morning be the installation of the officers; which was adopted.

On motion, the G. L. adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present W. S. G. Andrews, M. W. Grand Master, the same Grand Officers as of the session of yesterday, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by P. G. R. Rev. A. Paul Repiton.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Pursuant to the order of installation, adopted yesterday, the G. L. proceeded to that ceremony.

The Grand Master requested P. G. M. Disosway and P. G. R. Repiton to present the Grand Officers elect for installation.

P. D. G. Master W. J. Hoke, Grand Master elect, being now presented by P. G. M. Disosway and P. G. R. Repiton at the foot of the chair, was qualified by the M. W. G. Master, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. W. J. E. Morriss, Deputy Grand Master elect, was then presented and qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. R. A. Paul Repiton, Grand Secretary elect, was then presented and qualified by the Grand Master, and conducted to his seat.

P. G. R. J. Jones, Grand Treasurer elect was then presented and qualified by the Grand Master, and conducted to his seat.

P. G. Justin E. Jones, Grand Warden elect, was then presented and qualified, and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Master elect, Br. W. J. Hoke, then nominated the following Grand Officers:

P. G. J. M. Price, R. W. Grand Conductor.
" A. Wetherly " " Guardian.

These officers were presented, qualified, and conducted to their respective seats.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON P. G. S. COOKE'S BOOKS.

P. G. Conoley, from the Special Committee on P. G. S. Cooke's Books, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of P. G. Secretary Cooke, would respectfully recommend, that

the accounts on P. G. Secretary Cooke's books, against the the following Subordinate Lodges (and in favor of this Grand Lodge) be balanced; it appearing to them that P. G. Secretary Cooke has neglected to give most of them proper credits. Below are the names and the amounts due by the several Subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge, as appearing on P. G. Secretary Cooke's books.

Washington, No. 3, $13 96; Thaddeus, No. 5, $6 90; Neuse, No. 6, $13 13; Eureka, No. 7, $11 95; Manteo, No. 8, $3 90; Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9, $1 38; Trent, No. 12, $7 66; Winchester, No. 16, $4 47; Covenant, No. 17, $3 10; Mountain, No. 19, $26 15; Piedmont, No. 25, $28 71; North State, No. 26, $2 96; Columbus, No. 27, $75 45; Esperanza, No. 28, $31 82; Occidental, No. 33, 65 cts.; Howard, No. 35, $3 60.

We also find the undernamed Lodges credited with the following amounts, which amounts we recommend be placed to their credit on the present Grand Secretary's books:

Cape Fear, No. 2, $3 24; Cross Creek, No. 4, $1 66; Concordia, No. 11, 55 cts.; Franklin, No. 13, $1 68; Achoree, No. 14, $5 88; Smyrna, No. 18, $4 30; Muchuena, No. 20, $3 66; Buena Vista, No. 21, $12 05; Tuscarora, No. 22, $7 77; Tryon, No. 23, 62 cts.; Oriental, No. 24, $2 10; Falling Creek, No. 29, $1 50; Yadkin, No. 30, $12 90; Contentnea, No. 34, $1 40.

Your committee are aware that they may be causing considerable loss to the Grand Lodge; but would here state that owing to the loose manner in which P. G. Secretary Cooke's books have been kept, and not being able to find the returns of the different Lodges, to the Grand Lodge, for the years 1849, 1850 and 1851, they have, in their humble opinion, recommended the only way in which the outstanding accounts, between the Grand Lodge and her Subordinates, can be settled for the good and advancement of our beloved Order.

Your committee have also examined P. G. Secretary Cooke's account against this R. W. G. L. for services, printing, &c., and are unable to see any just cause why the bill should not be paid; providing he has complied with his contract.

It has been suggested by several of the brethren, that they do not think that Bro. P. G. Secretary Cooke is entitled to pay for printing the pamphlet form of the proceedings of this Grand Body, for the year 1851,—he, Cooke, not having delivered them until a few weeks since.

Your committee beg leave to differ from them, and would refer them to the report of the Committee of Finance (see page 17 proceedings, 1852), in which the only item in P. G. Secretary Cooke's account disputed is the *balance* of $75 due on

the *bound copies* contracted for by this Grand Lodge (until the said bound copies shall have been delivered by him).

As far as your committee has been able to learn, said books have been received by this Lodge; we therefore recommend, that P. G. Secretary Cooke's bill be paid, after deducting $4 47, which amount he received from Winchester Lodge, No. 16, and has not been accounted for; making the amount due Bro. Cooke $179 22.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. CONOLEY,
WILLIAM A. KEATH,
W. W. FRIZELL.

On motion of P. G. Caldwell, P. G. Master Andrews was added to the committee to settle the difficulties in Concordia Lodge.

Rep. Jackson, from the Committee on Reports and Returns, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Reports and Returns beg leave to submit the following report:

That since making their report on yesterday, the Grand Secretary has placed in their hands the semi-annual returns of Hardenberg Lodge, No. 49, for the terms ending December 31st, 1854, and June 30th, 1855, which we find to be in due form. All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. PAUL REPITON,
WM. B. WHITFIELD,
J. H. JACKSON.

D. G. M. Morriss, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to the Orphans of deceased brothers, would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to obtain a list of the orphans of Odd-Fellows in this jurisdiction.

The committee, aware of the fact that many Subordinate Lodges in this State make no separate provision of their funds for the relief of widows or education of orphans, and believing the creation of such a fund to be of much importance in fully carrying out the principles of our Order, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Subordinate Lodge shall, from this date, set aside a portion of their revenue, equivalent to 20 per cent. on the dues, to constitute a widow and orphans' fund, which fund shall be held sacred for the relief of the widows and education of the orphans of deceased members of said Lodges.

Your committee bearing in mind the fact that no provision at present exists for the education of the orphans directly under the care of this body, would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the purpose of creating a fund for the above purpose, to be styled the Orphans' School Fund, a tax of ten per cent. per annum be levied upon the widow and orphans' fund of Subordinate Lodges, said fund to be held sacred by this Grand Lodge for the education of the orphans of deceased members of our Order whose Lodges have or may become extinct, or whose Lodges may be unable to perform this duty.

That during the recesses of this Grand Body the Orphans' School Fund shall be held in trust by the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, with discretionary powers to loan out the same upon notes with good security.

That in order to avail themselves of this fund, the applicants shall produce satisfactory proof to the Grand Lodge of their being the orphans of Odd-Fellows who were in good standing at the time of their decease, and that the Lodges to which their fathers belonged are unable to aid them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MORRISS,
A. WETHERLY,
W. R. EDWARDS.

Rep. Reinhardt presented a communication from Excelsior Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

P. G. M. Disosway moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Past Grand Master W. S. G. Andrews, for the able, efficient, and dignified manner in which he has performed the arduous duties pertaining to the office of Grand Master of this jurisdiction for the official year just closed.

G. S. Repiton moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee be now appointed to inquire into the power of the M. W. Grand Master to fill vacancies during the recess of this Grand Lodge, and report at the next session of this body.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee on the above resolution: P. G. M. Walter L. Steele, G. R. R. A. Caldwell, P. G. S. W. Neal.

Rep. Banner moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next communication of this Grand Lodge be held in Greensboro' on the 4th Monday of November, 1856.

Rep. Weirman, from the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on By-Laws beg leave respectfully to report that they have considered the request of Excelsior Lodge, No. 41, to amend article 15, sec. 1, of their By-Laws, so as to enable them to expel for non-payment of dues, and recommend that they be allowed to make the desired alteration.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. WEIRMAN,
L. H. SMITH,
JOHN RIGLAR.

P. G. M. Andrews moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be submitted to a committee of three brethren residing in Wilmington, together with the P. G. Secretary, who shall prepare them for the press, contract for the printing, and have them ready for distribution by 1st January, 1856.

Resolved, That the G. T. be directed to pay the bill for printing when presented endorsed by the committee.

Resolved, That in publishing the proceedings, the lists of the members of Subordinate Lodges shall be left out.

Rep. Bailey, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Petitions most respectfully recommend that a dispensation be granted Carolina Lodge, No. 52, to hold its stated meetings semi-monthly, except in the months of January and July, in which months they shall hold three meetings.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. PRICE,
JOHN A. BAILEY,
WM. H. MOORE.

Rep. Gibson moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to our brethren of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for the use of their Hall; also for their kindness and hospitality during our stay amongst them.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rep. Hall, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined with care the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct; that the sums credited the Grand Lodge correspond in amount with his receipts in the possession of the Grand Secretary; and that all sums charged are sustained by the proper vouchers. The account with the items of the receipts and expenditures in detail, having been incorporated into the report of the M. W. G. Master, your committee have deemed it unnecessary to report it here.

Your committee are happy to state that after a careful examination, they consider that the probable expenses of the next session, together with the other demands accruing due by this Grand Lodge, will probably be met from the revenue produced by the present tax of 15 per cent. upon receipts of the Subordinate Lodges. Respectfully submitted,

ELI W. HALL,
S. W. NEAL,
JOSIAH JOHNSON.

Rep. L. H. Smith moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives to this Grand Lodge be and are hereby authorized, on their return to their respective Lodges, to confer the P. G's degrees on all P. G's., and the honorary degree of Past V. G. and Past Secretary, upon all brothers who have been elected and actually performed the duties of those offices.

G. R. Caldwell moved the following resolutions, which were *not* adopted:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January next, the Grand Lodge will pay one half the expenses only of members attending the same.

Resolved, That all laws and clauses of laws coming in collision with the above resolution, be repealed.

G. S. Repiton moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have all necessary printing done, and that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay said bills when presented to him endorsed by the Grand Secretary.

P. G. Conoley, from the Committee on Printing Rules of Order, made the following report, which was received:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee appointed to superintend the printing of the rules of order of your Right Worthy Body, would beg leave to report that they have fulfilled the duty assigned them, and have deposited the bill of expenses with the Finance Committee, and beg to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. CONOLEY,
J. F. BELL,
JNO. C. WOOD.

Rep. Williams moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appoint a committee on Constitutions, whose duty it shall be to examine and pass on copies of Constitutions and By-Laws transmitted to them by any subordinate Lodge in its jurisdiction.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee on the above resolution: G. S. A. Paul Repiton, P. G. S. Thos. M. Gardner and P. G. John J. Conoley.

The following Past Grands were appointed the committee on printing the journal of this communication: P. G. W. L. Smith, G. T. R. J. Jones and P. G. E. W. Hall.

Rep. Jackson moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to correspond with the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, and request of them their daguerreotypes as a means of preserving their likenesses, and that when presented they be preserved as the property of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee on the above resolution: P. G. R. T. Burr, Jr., P. G. E. W. Hall and P. G. S. T. M. Gardner.

Rep. Williams made the following report, which was received:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In accordance with the order of the D. G. M. to me directed, since the last meeting of this Grand Body, I inquired for, in order to take possession of, the books, charter, &c., of Tryon Lodge. I received the working books and some traveling and withdrawal cards; the charter of the Lodge could not then be had, it being in the possession of a Past Grand, who was absent from the town of Rutherfordton.

The books are in my possession, subject to your order.

Respectfully,

TH. WILLIAMS.

Rep. Proctor moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the balance reported to be due by the Special Committee to P. G. Secretary Cooke's books, from any funds in his hands not otherwise appropriated. Also,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate to the Subordinate Lodges interested the fact of the settlement of their respective accounts.

Rep. Williams moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the D. D. G. M. visit each Lodge in his district once a year, if required so to do by the Lodge, and that the expense of such visit be paid by the Lodge thus visited, and a report of the condition of such Lodge be reported to the Grand Master.

Rep. Potter moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to Grand Secretary Thomas M. Gardner for the manner in which he has discharged his duty.

G. R. Cadwell moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and tendered to Bro. A. Paul Repiton for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Rep. Weirman, the Grand Lodge agreed to take a recess until 2 o'clock.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order of recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Rep. Banner, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence do make a further report, that they have examined the communications made to the Grand Secretary, and find there are communications from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania and the G. L. of Ohio, which we recommend to be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order; and that there is a communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, informing this Grand Lodge that Aiken Lodge of that State had forfeited its charter, and that said Lodge was declared extinct.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. BANNER,
ISAAC PROCTOR.

Rep. Williams moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee of last term on the case of Past Secretary Cooke, for crediting accounts, which was laid on the table, be taken up by the Committee on Printing, revised and reported back to the next meeting of this Grand Body.

Rep. Caldwell, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina is in favor of amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., so that that body shall be composed of representatives elected by the several States, according to a fixed ratio of numbers.

Resolved, That our sister jurisdictions, favorable to such an amendment, be fraternally requested to take such action thereon as, in their judgment, may best conduce to its further enactment.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to each State Grand Lodge a copy of the above resolutions.

Rep. Caldwell, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to forward to the present Secretary of the Grand Encampment of the State of Pennsylvania, a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, and also a copy of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Rep. Hall, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the following accounts of officers and representatives for expenses in attending the Grand Lodge, and recommend that they be paid:

W. S. G. Andrews,	Grand Master				$13 50
W. J. Hoke,	D. Grand Master				44 60
J. E. Morriss,	Grand Warden				30 55
M. L. Douglass,	Grand Chaplain				8 50
W. W. Frizell,	Rep. of	Cross Creek	Lodge,	No. 4	20 50
Josiah Johnson,	"	Thaddeus,	"	5	15 75
W. H. Moore,	"	Neuse,	"	6	3 00
I. Disosway,	"	Eureka,	"	7	30 55
Isaac Proctor,	"	Manteo,	"	8	19 50
John Riglar,	"	Mec. Decla'n,	"	9	33 60
J. E. Jones,	"	Phalanx,	"	10	23 00
J. F. Bell,	"	Concordia,	"	11	37 00
B. B. Lawrence,	"	Rocky Mount,	"	16	15 75
Wm. R. Edwards,	"	Mountain,	"	19	45 70
J. M. Price,	"	Muchuena,	"	20	19 00
A. Wetherly,	"	Buena Vista,	"	21	27 50
J. H. Jackson,	"	Tuscarora,	"	22	22 00
H. L. Ward,	"	Oriental,	"	24	31 00
J. A. Weirman,	"	North State,	"	26	31 00
C. Latham,	"	Esperanza,	"	28	32 50
Thomas Williams,	"	Howard,	"	35	46 05
C. L. Banner,	"	Salem,	"	36	30 72
J. H. Daniel,	"	Olive Branch,	"	37	14 50
W. A. Keith,	"	Constancia,	"	38	32 50
S. W. Neal,	"	Pee Dee,	"	39	30 00
W. P. Reinhardt,	"	Catawba,	"	40	43 70
J. Wishart,	"	Lumber River,	"	42	15 00
B. Wamble,	"	Brown Creek,	"	43	32 75
P. Clark,	"	Enterprise,	"	44	12 75
W. B. Whitfield,	"	Friendship,	"	47	10 25
L. R. Gibson,	"	Hardenburg,	"	49	41 50
L. H. Smith,	"	Edgecombe,	"	50	19 50
H. Potter,	"	Carolina,	"	52	26 00
J. A. Bailey,	"	Ezel,	"	54	37 00
J. W. May,	"	Marlboro',	"	55	14 25
		Total			$911 14

Your committee having approved the following bills, recommend their payment, viz:

Amount due as per bill to B. F. Harrison,.....	$12 00
" " " A. P. Repiton, G. T., less amount of $25 surrendered from personal consideration.....	50 00
Amount due as per bill of W. S. G. Andrews, G. M., for printing, postage, &c.....	17 30
Amount due Messrs. Fulton & Price, printing.....	6 20
" " Grand Secretary, Bro. T. M. Gardner, expenditures, incidental to the session of this Grand Lodge, including his salary.....	355 43
	$440 93
Sum of expenses of Representatives and Officers.....	911 14
Incidental expenses.....	440 93
	$1,352 07

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELI W. HALL,
JOSIAH JOHNSON,
S. W. NEAL.

Grand Rep. Caldwell moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, to meet in the town of Greensboro', on the 4th Monday in November, 1856, which was adopted.

After prayer by the Rev. A. Paul Repiton, the Grand Lodge closed in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth.

THOS. M. GARDNER,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of North Carolina,

From November, 1855, to November, 1856.

Most Worthy Grand Master:

WM. J. HOKE . . . . . LINCOLNTON.

Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master:

JAS. E. MORRISS . . . . . NEWBERN.

Right Worthy Grand Secretary:

REV. A. PAUL REPITON . . . . . WILMINGTON.

Right Worthy Grand Treasurer:

RICHARD J. JONES . . . . . WILMINGTON.

Right Worthy Grand Warden:

JUSTIN E. JONES . . . . . WASHINGTON.

Right Worthy Grand Chaplain:

REV. M. L. DOUGLASS . . . . . ROCKINGHAM.

Right Worthy Grand Representatives to the G. L. U. S.

R. A. CALDWELL . . . . . WADESBORO'.
(*For the long term*).

JOHN N. WASHINGTON . . . . . NEWBERN.
(*For the short term*).

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1st District.....W. H. Clark.
2d " .....J. E. Morriss.
3d " .....Eli W. Hall.
4th " .....Johm M. Price.
5th " .....E. A. Vogler.
6th " .....R. C. Donnell.
7th " .....J. A. Weirman.
8th " .....John A. Jackson.
9th " .....Augustus W. Burton.

JOHN M. PRICE.....*Grand Conductor.*
A. WETHERLY.....*Grand Guardian.*

INSTALLING OFFICERS,

From 4th Monday in Nov., 1855, *to 4th Monday in Nov.,* 1856.

Cape Fear	Lodge, No.	2..Thos. M. Gardner.....	Wilmington.
Washington	"	3..W. L. Hargrave.....	Murfreesboro'.
Cross Creek	"	4..C. Lutterloh.....	Fayetteville.
Thaddeus	"	5..Josiah Johnson.....	Clinton.
Neuse	"	6..P.G.M. W. S. G. Andrews..	Goldsboro'.
Eureka	"	7..Alex. Justice.....	Newbern.
Manteo	"	8..Isaac Proctor.....	Raleigh.
Mec. Declar'n	"	9..Robert Shaw.....	Charlotte.
Phalanx	"	10..G. W. J. E. Jones.....	Washington.
Concordia	"	11..Josiah H. Bell.....	Beaufort.
Achoree	"	14..W. H. Clark.....	Eliz. City.
Winchester	"	16..B. B. Lawrence.....	Rocky Mount.
Smyrna	"	18..W. W. Rumley.....	Smyrna.
Mountain	"	19..W. R. Edwards.....	Lincolnton.
Muchuena	"	20..J. M. Price.....	Warrenton.
Buena Vista	"	21..A. Wetherly.....	Greensboro'.
Tuscarora	"	22..J. H. Jackson.....	Kinston.
Oriental	"	24..H. L. Ward.....	Colerain.
Piedmont	"	25..Jno. A. Dickson.....	Morganton.
North State	"	26..Jno. A. Weirman.....	Salisbury.
Columbus	"	27..Calvin Haynes.....	Whiteville.

Esperanza	Lodge, No.	28.. E. J. Johnson	Plymouth.
Falling Creek	"	29.. P. G. M. W. L. Steele	Rockingham.
Yadkin	"	30.. T. D. Cooper	Clemmensville.
Samaritan	"	31.. J. B. Lucas	Chapel Hill.
Caswell	"	32.. Jas. W. Neal	Yanceyville.
Contentnea	"	34.. W. C. Blount	Snow Hill.
Howard	"	35.. Thos. Williams	Shelby.
Salem	"	36.. C. L. Banner	Salem.
Olive Branch	"	37.. H. H. Hobbs	Smithfield.
Constancia	"	38.. W. A. Keith	Windsor.
Pee Dee	"	39.. S. W. Neal	Wadesboro'.
Catawba	"	40.. D. M. Rhine	Newton.
Excelsior	"	41.. Walter Caldwell	Statesville.
Lumber River	"	42.. Eli Wishart	Lumberton.
Brown Creek	"	43.. B. Wamble	White's Store.
Enterprise	"	44.. Pomroy Clarke	Wilson.
Clarendon	"	45.. T. Burr, Jr	Wilmington.
Farmington	"	46.. J. H. Johnson	Farmington.
Friendship	"	47.. W. B. Whitfeld	White Hall.
Palmetto	"	48.. R. L. Steele	Car. Fem. College.
Hardenburg	"	49.. L. R. Gibson	Germanton.
Edgecombe	"	50.. L. H. Smith	Tarboro'.
Davie	"	51.. J. M. Clement	Mocksville.
Carolina	"	52.. H. Potter	Jamestown.
Monroe	"	53.. N. G.	Monroe.
Ezil	"	54.. J. A. Bailey	Roxboro'.
Marlboro'	"	55.. J. W. May	Marlboro'.
Hanks	"	56.. N. G.	Greenville.
Swannanoa		No 3	Asheville
Danielson		No 4	Danbury
Marie		No 5	Hunt-Store

ABSTRACT OF THE RELIEF REPORTS

Of Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of N. Carolina, commencing Jan. 1st, 1854, and ending 30th June, 1855.

Names of Lodges.	Number.	Number of brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Families relieved.	Number of brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of brothers.	Amount paid for burying the Dead.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	TOTAL.
Cape Fear	2	15	1	4	$381 00	$60 00	$54 00	$27 50	$522 50
Washington	3								
Cross Creek	4	3			39 00				39 00
Thaddeus	5								
Neuse	6			1					20 00
Eureka	7								
Manteo	8								
Meck. Declar'n	9	7		1	152 00	30 00			182 00
Phalanx	10	61	8	1	388 00	30 00	137 65	71 50	597 15
Concordia	11	3	2		21 00		15 00	12 34	48 54
Achoree	14	14	1	2	126 00	50 00	7 00	75 10	258 10
Winchester	16	2		1	48 00		18 00		66 00
Smyrna	18	8	1	1	72 00	20 00		10 00	102 00
Mountain	19	10			93 00				93 00
Muchuena	20	1		1	16 00	25 00			41 00
Buena Vista	21	10	1	2	113 00	120 00			233 00
Tuscarora	22	2	1	2	18 00	80 00		25 00	123 00
Oriental	21	8			36 00	45 00			81 00
Piedmont	25	1			12 00				12 00
North State	26	5	1	2	21 65			10 00	31 65
Columbus	27	5		2	113 00	20 00			133 00
Esperanza	28	2	2	4	44 00	20 00	18 00	40 00	122 00
Falling Creek	29	2	1	2	14 74	60 00		30 00	104 74
Yadkin	30	4			55 00				55 00
Samaritan	31	15			132 00		28 50		160 50
Caswell	32	10			63 00				63 00
Contentnea	34	2			30 00				30 00
Howard	35	5		3	45 00	30 00			75 00
Salem	36	24		1	160 00	30 00			190 00
Olive Branch	37								
Constancia	38								
Pee Dee	39	2		1	21 00				21 00
Catawba	40	1			42 00				42 00
Excelsior	41	5			135 20				135 20
Lumber River	42	4			55 75				55 75
Brown Creek	43	4			32 00				32 00
Enterprise	44	1		1	15 00	40 00			55 00
Clarendon	45				25 00				25 00
Farmington	46	8			88 00				88 00
Friendship	47			1		20 00			20 00
Palmetto	48								
Hardenburg	49	2			27 50				27 50
Edgecombe	50	2		1	24 00	30 00			54 00
Davie	51	3			16 00				16 00
Carolina	52	1			3 00				3 00
Total		252	19	34	$2,677 84	$730 00	$278 15	$301 44	$3,957 63

Since the above Abstract was prepared the following Reports have come in:

Washington	3	1			37 00		50 00		87 50
Neuse	6	1			33 00				33 00
Eureka	7			2		40 00			40 00
Manteo	8		2	1	25 00	30 00		10 00	65 00
Columbus	27			1				20 00	20 00
Constancia	38						7 50		7 50
Friendship	47	4			40 00				40 00

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina, commencing January 1st, 1854, and ending June 30th, 1855.

NAMES OF LODGES.	Number.	WHERE HELD.	COUNTY.	TIME OF MEETING.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Deaths.	Past Grands.	Members.	Amount received for Initiations.	Amount received for Degrees.	Amount received for Dues.	Amount received for Fines and other sources.	Amount received for Widow and Orphan's Fund.	Whole Amount of Revenue.	Amount upon which per centages to be paid.	Amount due Grand Lodge.	REMARKS
Cape Fear	2	Wilmington	New Hanover	Tuesday	14		1	4			7	5	19	118	$70 00	$60 00	$678 39	$59 50	$146 62	$976 15	$791 71	$118 75	
Washington	3	Murfreesboro'	Hertford	Friday									9	24			39 00		12 00	51 00	51 00	7 65	2 Reports due.
Cross Creek	4	Fayetteville	Cumberland	Friday	5		1	4	3	15			18	46	25 00	36 00	367 10	32 15	82 24	383 50	401 10	60 16	
Thaddeus	5	Clinton	Sampson	Friday	1								13	29	5 00	1 00	8 25			14 25	14 25	2 14	2 Reports due.
Neuse	6	Goldsboro'	Wayne	Monday	6	1	3			1	1	1	11	50	20 00	21 00	76 35		37 50	154 58	117 35	17 60	" "
Eureka	7	Newbern	Craven	Friday																			No Reports.
Manteo	8	Raleigh	Wake	Friday																			No Reports.
Mecklenberg Declaration	9	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	Tuesday	32	2	9	16			4	3	13	75	320 00	244 00	396 80	72 62	93 05	199 89	1,133 37	170 00	
Phalanx	10	Washington	Beaufort	Friday	30	11	4	7	1		5	2	15	105	155 00	468 00	533 90	31 25	410 05	1,598 20	1,156 90	173 53	
Concordia	11	Beaufort	Carteret	Friday	8	2		1			1		7	34	43 00	36 00	157 02	54 00	29 12	280 02	206 90	31 02	
Achoree	14	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank	Friday	21	4	1	7	4	15		2	12	83	105 00	297 50	360 12	14 50	146 09	935 71	765 79	115 00	
Winchester	16	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe	Saturday	15	1	3	9		1	4	2	1	27	75 00	200 00	116 79			624 03	411 89	63 77	
Smyrna	18	Smyrna	Carteret	Saturday	4	1						1	9	32	20 00	45 00	171 98		28 90	242 98	214 08	32 05	
Mountain	19	Lincolnton	Lincoln	Wednesday	3			12		4	5		7	33	15 00	30 00	232 32	25 42	73 99	476 45	267 88	25 53	
Muchuena	20	Warrenton	Warren	Thursday	6	1		1	1	1	1	1	14	49	20 00	124 62	191 39		62 00	340 87	278 89	41 81	
Buena Vista	21	Greensboro'	Guilford	Tuesday	12	1		9			3	2	12	74	60 00	163 00	440 67	52 75	82 71	667 36	584 65	87 63	
Tuscarora	22	Kinston	Lenoir	Friday	13	5	1	2		5	5	2	9	49	40 00	95 00	220 46		114 95	530 08	400 64	60 09	
Oriental	24	Coleraine	Bertie	Thursday	2			1			1		9	36	5 00	56 00	176 46	145 00	53 94	377 50	240 62	36 08	
Piedmont	25	Morganton	Burke	Tuesday	5	1		6	1		3	1	7	62	25 00	24 00	287 25		92 40	427 65	336 25	49 43	
North State	26	Salisbury	Rowan	Tuesday	13	2	1	10		7		2	7	50	65 00	95 00	252 51		75 45	487 57	411 15	61 82	
Columbus	27	Whiteville	Columbus	Saturday				2				2	8	51			159 25		27 79	202 86	142 68	21 17	1 Repor due
Esperanza	28	Plymouth	Washington	Tuesday	1	4	1	6	2	5	4	4	8	37	5 50	3 00	243 59		152 31	433 20	252 09	37 81	
Falling Creek	29	Rockingham	Richmond	Monday	2			5		1	1	2	6	26	15 00	49 00	162 71	11 25		370 13	318 88	47 82	
Yadkin	30	Clemmensville	Davidson	Tuesday	1			2			1		8	21	5 00	14 00	121 50	1 25	15 00	717 17	118 70	17 80	
Samaritan	31	Chapel Hill	Orange	Saturday	7		2	9		3	3		8	46	30 00	75 00	145 69	12 70	49 98	304 71	285 59	41 02	1 Repor due.
Caswell	32	Yanceyville	Caswell		1		1	4		1	3		10	33	5 00		122 19	75	40 71	123 66	143 70	27 61	
Occidental	33	Gatesville	Gates																				No Reports.
Contentnea	34	Snow Hill	Greene	Saturday	6			7		2	2		7	17	28 00	100 00	151 12		6 00	280 12	192 87	30 99	
Howard	35	Shelby	Cleaveland	Tuesday	16	1		6		3	3	3	6	34	70 00	184 00	284 01	101 60	84 14	561 19	438 77	65 64	
Salem	36	Salem	Forsyth	Thursday	19	7	1	7				1	8	75	114 00	260 00	390 02	12 00	82 49	800 11	745 12	120 65	
Olive Branch	37	Smithfield	Johnston	Friday	3			4		3	2		3	19	15 00	55 00	93 50	1 50	31 10	196 15	165 00	24 75	
Constancia	38	Windsor	Bertie	Wednesday	3	1	2					2	6	47	15 00	22 00	150 41	28 36	31 35	247 13	187 41	28 11	1 Report due.
Pee Dee	39	Wadesboro'	Anson	Monday	2		2	4			1	1	4	27	10 00	30 00	108 00	25		148 25	127 25	19 08	" "
Catawba	40	Newton	Catawba	Thursday	6	2	2	5					6	22			57 75	20 00	4 00	136 20	57 75	7 70	" "
Excelsior	41	Statesville	Iredell	Monday	6	2	2	5					6	43	27 00	60 00	248 86		65 83	344 39	270 92	40 63	
Lumber River	42	Lumberton	Robeson	Thursday	11	2	1	5		6			5	32	45 00	30 00	118 68		39 20	233 88	194 10	27 11	
Brown Creek	43	White's Store	Anson	Wednesday	4		1				1		5	29	20 00	60 00	177 29	62		402 26	257 89	38 67	
Enterprise	44	Wilson	Wilson	Saturday	20	8	2	2	2	6		1	7	53	100 00	137 00	154 47	20 55	67 07	476 34	468 64	70 29	
Clarendon	45	Wilmington	New Hanover	Wednesday			1	1					9	20			111 75	4 72		152 47	144 91	21 72	
Farmington	46	Farmington	Davie	Thursday	9			10					4	20	48 00	61 00	101 24	3 75	35 32	297 18	272 19	40 63	
Friendship	47	White Hall	Wayne	Saturday	10	5		1	1			1	2	21	50 00	115 00	82 38			247 38	247 38	37 10	
Palmetto	48	Car. Fem. College	Anson	Tuesday																			No Reports.
Hardenberg	49	Germanton	Stokes	Monday	7	2		1		1			9	25	35 00	67 00	40 00			142 00	142 00	21 30	2 Reports due.
Edgecombe	50	Tarboro'	Edgecombe	Tuesday	18	7	5	1				1	2	33	85 00	288 00	83 60	35 55	49 30	677 75	236 00	35 40	1 " "
Davie	51	Mockville	Davie	Wednesday	16	4	2	1					2	25	80 00	164 00	77 83		36 10	299 63	264 68	29 69	New Lodge, 2d Report.
Carolina	52	Jamestown	Guilford	Wednesday	13		2							20	65 00	185 00	34 94		21 10	284 94	263 84	39 57	" 1st "
					371	77	51	177	15	80	61	42	331	1752	$1,935 50	$3,952 12	$7,127 54	$742 34	$2,379 80	$16,845 81	$13,722 78	$2,046 32	

SINCE THE ABOVE ABSTRACT WAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE COME IN:

Washington	3	Murfreesboro'	Hertford	Friday							11		8	11			71 50		22 00	93 50	71 50	11 72	
Neuse	6	Goldsboro'	Wayne	Monday	12	2	2	3	1	3			13	54	50 00	104 00	185 80		85 00	435 30	349 82	52 47	
Eureka	7	Newbern	Craven	Tuesday								1	13	56			315 02	31 00		1,472 91	346 02	51 90	
Manteo	8	Raleigh	Wake	Friday				2				1	18	50			94 55		9 55	94 55	302 00	30 10	
Columbus	27	Whiteville	Columbus	Saturday								1	9	52					16 90	84 50	62 60	9 39	
Constancia	38	Windsor	Bertie	Wednesday									7	46			71 50	25 00	15 50	87 00	71 50	10 72	
Pee Dee	39	Wadesboro'	Anson	Monday	19			4		10			5	49	75 00	34 00	113 69			222 69	222 69	33 40	
Catawba	40	Newton	Catawba	Thursday				2					5	20			41 00			41 00	41 00	6 10	
Friendship	47	White Hall	Wayne	Saturday	4	4							2	21	20 00	29 00	21 63			70 63	70 63	13 64	
[illegible]	49	Germanton	Stokes	Monday	19	2		5			3		3	25	60 00	165 00	100 00			411 00	160 00	24 00	

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD IN

THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO',

On 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 Nov., 1856.

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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge,

OF

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO, NOVEMBER 24th, 1856.

GREENSBORO, Nov. 24th, 1856.—11 o'clock, a. m.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened this day, in the Hall of Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, when the following Officers took their stations, viz:

W. J. HOKE,.....M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JAS. E. MORRIS,.....R. W. D. GRAND MASTER.
A. PAUL REPITON,.....R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
R. J. JONES,.....R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
A. WEATHERLY,.....R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. J. A. Weirman, Grand Warden, pro. tem., P. G. A. Paul Repiton, Grand Chaplain, pro. tem., and P. G. J. A. Bailey, Grand Conductor, pro tem.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

Prayer by P. G. Rev. A. Paul Repiton.

The Chair announced the following committee on Credentials, P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, Rep. S. W. Neal, and Rep. Jas. B. Webb.

The Grand Secretary commenced the reading of the Proceedings of last session, when, on motion of Rep. E. W. Jones, the further reading was dispensed with, and printed copies of the same were distributed among the members of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the Certificates of the following Representatives as in form and duly authenticated:

LODGES.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Cape Fear,	2	W. S. Anderson,
Cross Creek.	4	Wm. W. Frizell,
Neuse,	6	S. D. Philips,
Eureka,	7	Alexander Miller,
Mecklenburg Decla'n.	9	John Rigler,
Phalanx,	10	Norten W. Cook,
Concordia,	11	A. E. Davis,
Mountain,	19	Hiram W. Abernethy,
Muchuena,	20	Edw. T. Rice,
Buena Vista.	21	John Sloan,
Tuscarora,	22	James B. Webb,
Esperanza,	28	Edwd. W. Jones,
North State,	26	J. A. Weirman,
Yadkin,	30	S. S. Jones,
Contentnea,	34	Owen W. Jones,
Salem,	36	J. F. Crist,
Olive Branch.	37	John W. Daniel,
Pee Dee,	39	S. *W.* Neal,
Catawba,	40	D. W. Rhine,
Excelsior,	41	W. H. Morrison,
Brown Creek,	43	B. Womble,
Enterprise,	44	Pomeroy Clark,
Farmington,	46	J. H. Johnson,
Hardenburgh,	49	W. W. Petree,
Edgecombe,	50	L. H. Smith,
Ezel,	54	John A. Bailey,
Marlboro',	55	Jas. W. May,
Hanks,	56	Stephen F. Johnson,
Danahau,	57	W. W. Petree, proxy.

The following named Past Grands have presented their Certificates of service, entitling them to the P. O. Degrees, and to seats in the Grand Lodge, and your Committee recommend that they be admitted and the Degrees Conferred, viz:

Neuse Lodge No. 6,—E. W. Wood.

Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21,—A. Starrett,—Past Grands, A. J. Porter, J. W. Howlett, Solomon Hopkins, Peter Adams, E. W. Ogburn, Michael Brown, Daniel McLane, Edward Watson, John Sloan.

Mountain Lodge No. 19,—H. W. Abernethy,
Yadkin " " 30,—S. S. Jones,
Contentnea " " 34,—Owen W. Jones,
Salem " " 36,—T. F. Crist,
Catawba " " 40,—D. W. Rhine,
Excelsior " " 41,—P. G. Spurr,
Hardenbergh " " 49,—W. W. Petree,
Hanks " " 56,—Stephen F. Johnson,

The following Past Grands were then introduced, were qualified and took their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz: D. W Rhine, W. H. Morrison, H. W. Abernethy, Joh Sloan, J. W. Howlett, Michael Brown, A. Starrett, Owen W. Jones, Stephen F. Johnson, T. F. Crist, S. S. Jones, W. W. Petree, and E. B. Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. HARDENBERGH,
S. W. NEAL,
JAS. B. WEBB, } *Committee.*

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

PAST GRANDS.—In compliance with law and usage I submit to you at this time a statement of the transactions of my office for the year that has just terminated. Our accessions in point of numbers, are not so great as in some previous years, but I am gratified to state that the Order has found its way over the mountains and is firmly established there, so that before long the Western District will be filled with lodges dedicated to Friendship, Love and Truth.

The Grand Lodge of the United States met in the City of Baltimore in September, and notwithstanding the high excitement that existed between the sections of our country, the communication was one of harmony and peace. But one of our representatives was present, P. G. R. A. Caldwell, who will make a report of the proceedings that are of interest, to the Grand Lodge.

Both parties in Concordia Lodge have written to me concerning their difficulties. I took no further action than that of giving them advice. Having heard nothing from them lately, I am led to hope that the committee appointed by the last Grand Lodge have gone to their reliefand all is well again.

Soon after the close of the last Grand Lodge, P. G., J. B. Lucas, wrote to me concerning the state of affairs in Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, and suggested that some action be taken. I immediately requested D. D. G. M., J. M. Price, to visit this Lodge, which he did on the 29th of April. He found it

in such a condition as to require him to take its charter and effects which he has in his possession, subject to the order of this R. W. body. The Grand Master feels under many obligations to P. G. Lucas for the assistance rendered D. D. G. M. Price on this occasion.

On the 5th of May, P. G. Master Andrews forwarded to me a letter from W. C. Blount, to the effect "that Contentnea Lodge, No. 34, after mature consideration had concluded to disband." I immediately authorized P. G., J. W. May, of Marlboro to act in this case, and advised him to call a meeting of the members of Contentnea Lodge at such time as would suit, and if five members were willing to continue work, to let them retain their charter. At the time appointed, seven brothers came forward who were willing to make some sacrifice to save their charter, and Contentnea Lodge No. 34, is now in existence with P. G. W. C. Blount as installing officer. I have received several communications from the installing officer of Lumber River Lodge, desiring a surrender of their charter. The whole matter has been referred to D. D. G. M. Eli W. Hall.

On the 9th of December, I received a communication from Bro. A. W. Cumming, of Asheville, desiring information on the subject of Odd Fellowship. This opened a correspondence with my office, the result of which was, that on the 18th of Feb., I issued a warrant to eight brothers to open a Lodge. In the absence of the D. D. G. M. of that district, I delegated P. G. H. W Abernathy of Mountain Lodge, to open it, which was accordingly done on 21st February, and is recognized as Swananoa Lodge, No. 56.

On the 23d February a petition was received from five brothers residing at or near Danbury, Stokes County, praying for a warrant to open a Lodge at Danbury. A warrant was accordingly issued, and on the 25th April, Danahau Lodge, No. 58, was instituted by D. D. M. E. A. Vogler.

On the 28th April, I issued a warrant to five brothers holding withdrawal cards to open a Lodge in the vicinity of Normal College. This Lodge was opened on the 6th June, by D. G. M. Vogler, and is recognized as Uarrio Lodge, No. 59, and is located at Hunt's Store, in Guilford County.

I recommend that charters be granted to these Lodges.

Monroe Lodge, No. 58 was instituted on the 5th January by D. D. G. M. J. A. Weinman, assisted by Past G. John Rigler of Mec. Dec. Lodge. Hank's Lodge No. 56 was instituted on the 29th February, by D. G. M. J. E. Morris, assisted by P. G. M. I. Disosway.

From such information as I have received, these new Lodges are moving on nobly in the glorious cause of benevolence.

A dispensation was granted to Excelsior Lodge No. 41 to change their time of meeting from Monday to Tuesday night,

Permission was granted to Edgecombe Lodge No. 50 to hold a day meeting the first Saturday in every month.

A dispensation was granted to Yadkin Lodge No. 50 to meet once in two weeks, under the rule laid down by the Grand Lodge at its session in May, 1854.

Application was made to me by Hardenburg Lodge No. 49 to dedicate their new Hall. My engagements being such as to prevent, the duty was performed by D. D. G. M. Vogler. For this and other services, he has the commendation of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master has been called on to make a number of decisions, one or two I will mention in this report, viz:

"Charges against brothers should always be in writing."

A Past Grand of one jurisdiction, does not of right become a member of a Grand Lodge in another, upon his removing thereto; but, a Grand Lodge being satisfied of his position in the Order, has a right to admit him to a seat.

The Grand Master has been called upon several times to define what is meant by *over age* in Odd Fellowship. I find that Art. 2d of the Constitution G. L. N. C., claims the right to grant dispensations to initiate persons over age, but I cannot find any further legislation on the subject.

It is with considerable emotion that I have to complain of the neglect of some Lodges in forwarding their returns. It is a very great labor on the Grand Secretary to be kept continually writing to the delinquent Lodges.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge come to some conclusion whereby the Lodges will be more certain to make out and forward their reports.

The June circular issued by my worthy predecessor, was forwarded to the Installing officers in June last.

From the correspondence of my office, I find that some lodges omit taking bond from the Treasurer. This should never be. Every Installing Officer should refuse to install a Treasurer until this requisition is complied with.

The Grand Secretary has made a very full and satisfactory report, and as it accompanies this report, I deem it unnecessary to mention any thing about the state of the Order, that is referred to in it.

The Grand Treasurer's report also accompanies this. I will only state that to the amount reported, may be added $50 67, cash, in the hands of D. D. G. M. Price, amount received from Samaritan Lodge: also, $100 34, sent by Swananoa Lodge 56, to the Grand Secretary, since the writing of his report—making $1434 58, of available funds.

On the 21st June, I drew on the Grand Treasurer for $195 10, the amount due G. S. G. L. U. S.

The Grand Secretary was untiring in his exertion to have the report to the G. S. G. L. U. S., shew our true standing; but in spite of all his exertions, we had to send a very imperfect report. He is entitled to much praise for the energy, promptness and close attention to the duties of his office.

In conclusion, accept my warmest thanks for the very distinguished honor shown me, by elevating me to the high position I now occupy, and with my very best wishes for you severally, and for the Order generally, I remain yours in F. L. & T.

W. J. HOKE.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. Grand Master:

I herewith transmit you my Report up to the time required by the laws of the Order.

From the returns of subordinate lodges of the State, the following is submitted:

Initiations, 162; Rejections, 38; Admitted by Card, 24; Withdrawn by Card, 79; Reinstated, 6; Suspended, 98; Expelled, 71; Deceased, 17; number of Past Grands, 314; number of contributing Members, 1530.

Amount received for Initiations,		$ 910 50
" " " Degrees,		1733 25
" Charged by lodges for dues,	$2,469 50	
" Received " "		4713 64
" " " for fines & other sources,		276 70
" " " for Widow and Orphan fund,		1357 89
The amount on which per centage is paid,	$7699 43	
" Due the Grand Lodge thereon,	1154 91	
" " on Widow and Orphans fund,	135 78	
Received per centage Grand Lodge fund,		1080 05
" " " Widow and Orphan fund,		118 20
" " " Back dues from Edgecombe, Thaddeus and Pee Dee Lodges,		53 77
" Charter fee Monroe Lodge, No. 53,		30 00
" " " Danahau " No. 58,		30 00
" " " Uarrie " No. 59,		30 00
" For Cards and Odes, $16 24; Rebekah and other books, $5 08		21 32
Amount received from all sources,		$1,363 34

For which I have the Grand Treasurer's receipts.

The Relief Report from subordinates for the above time shows—

Number of Brothers relieved, 114; number of Widowed families relieved, 6; number of Brothers buried, 16.

Amount paid for relief of Brothers,	$966 10
" " " Burying the dead,	380 00
" " " Education of Orphans,	395 11
" " " Relief of widowed Families,	142 85
Total amount of relief,	$1883 46

I do not think there has been a period within the history of the order in this jurisdiction, where the Lodges were more dilatory in making returns especially was this felt in regard to the *June* Term of 1856, when our report to the Grand Lodge of the United States had to be made.

Owing to the above dereliction on the part of subordinates, and the installing officers, the Report of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, was very incomplete, and did great injustice to the state of the Order within our jurisdiction. Some means should be adopted to remedy this evil. Your Secretary feels conscious of having done his duty, so far as sending blank Returns, and urging by repeated correspondence, are concerned. If the Lodges would only do their duty, much time, money and labor might be saved, and the Order be more fairly presented. Is there not *State pride* enough to remedy this evil?

Thaddeus Lodge, No. 5, has not reported at all.
Neuse " " 6, " " " 2d. Term, 1855.
Manteo " " 8, " " " 1st. Term, 1856.
Piedmont " " 25, " " " at all.
Columbus " " 27, " " " at all.
Esperanza " " 28, " " " 1st Term, 1856.
Samaritan " " 31, and Caswell Lodge 32, ceased work.
Constncia " " 38 has not reported at all.
Lumber River " 42, " " " "

Clarendon Lodge, No. 45, has not reported at all.
Friendship " " 48, " " " "
Hardenbergh " 49, " " " "
Carolina " " 51, " " " "

The duties assigned your Grand Secretary on Pages 36, 39, 40, 42, 45 and 46 of proceedings of the last session of your body, have all been discharged. Your Secretary feels it to be his duty to state for the information of the Grand Lodge, that the Lodges do not understand the late alteration in the Blank Returns, and hopes they will be instructed, that under the head, "*Amount charged by Lodges for Dues,*" there is meant, *the entire amount due by members for each term*—and not the per capita amount charged by the Lodges for dues. Also, your Secretary would state, that the G. L., in his estimation, does not receive all the per centage which is due to her from the Subordinates; arising to some extent out of the non-compliance with the laws of the Order, which require per centage upon the amount *charged* by the Lodges, and other deductions which are made. The Committee on Returns appointed at the last session, in their report showed the inaccuracies upon that head—and it is hoped that *that* Committee will suggest some plan by which uniformity in the Returns, as well as accuracy will be had.

I shall submit a balance sheet for the consideration of the Committee of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,
A. PAUL REPITON, *Grand Sec'y.*

Rich'd J. Jones, in Act. with Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of North Carolina.

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1855, Dec. 12.	To amount received of P. G. Treasurer, A. P. Repiton,		$ 337 94
" " " "	of P. G. Sec'y., Thomas M. Gardner,		255 87
1856, Jan 26,	" " " of Grd. " A. P. Repiton,		140 26
Feb. 18	" " " " " "		48 45
" "	" " " " " "		154 40
May 30	" " " " " "		153 40
July 30	" " " " " "		191 18
Sept. 1st.	" " " " " "		100 18
Oct. 17.	" " " " " "		576 08
			$1,957 74
1856, Oct. 22,	To amount from account,	$1,283 67	
Oct. 22.	To note on Neuse Lodge, No. 6, with $100 due and int. from 15 May, 1844, to 24 Nov. 1856.	115 20	
			$1,398 87

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1856, Feb. 18,	By amount paid Thos Loring bill for printing,	$18 00
Feb. 18,	" " " Holden & Wilson,	3 00
July 15.	" " " Herald office,	3 50
" "	" " " T. Burr, jr., printing 500 proceedings G. L.,	95 00
" 30	" " " G. L. U. S., bill for sundries,	95 10
" "	" " " do. Representative tax fee for 1856,	100 00
Sept. 1,	" " " for exchange on $195 10	1 95
Oct. 18,	" " " Thos. Loring for printing notices,	1 50
" 22.	" " " P. G. Sec. T. M. Gardner, app'd by last G. L.	355 45
" 22,	" Balance in my hands to Cr. Grand Lodge in available funds, (passed to new act.)	1,283 67
		$1,957 10

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 22, 1856.

RICHARD J. JONES, G. Tr.

Rep. E. W. Jones, moved that the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, be referred as follows, viz:

All that portion thereof that relates to the subject of Finance, to the Committee on Finance.

That relating to the Institution of New Lodges, to the Committee on Petitions.

That relating to the failure of Subordinates to make their returns—to the Committee on Returns and Reports.

That relating to the Correspondence of the office, to the Committee on Correspondence.

That relating to the condition and work of the Order, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That relating to the unfinished business appearing on the Journal, to the Committee on unfinished business.

Which motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary A. Paul Repiton, moved that P. G. Howlett, of Buena Vista Lodge, N. 21, be appointed Steward during the present session, and that he receive the usual compensation, which was adopted.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenberg submitted the following on the demise of R. W. G. M. Justin E. Jones, viz:

M. W. Grand Master:

Since the last session of this R. W. Body, death has laid his hand upon one of our most worthy members.

On the 1st day of August last, P. G. Justin E. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at the early age of thirty years, was called to the presence of the Grand Master of earth.

When the man who has lived for himself alone, whose efforts and talents have been devoted only to his own interest and advancement, is called hence, however brilliant and remarkable may have been his career, his end is but the subject of casual remark, save in the limited circle of family affections; his absence is unfelt and his name soon ceases to be recalled. But in the death of such a man as P. G. Jones, the whole community sustains a loss, and the occasion is one of general sorrow. It creates a void not alone at the domestic fireside; and the tear of regret is not confined to his kindred —Neither is the sensation occasioned by the loss of such a man of ephemeral duration, but his memory is enshrined in many hearts, and his virtues are held in lasting remembrance.

Our lamented Brother had for some time been in a feeble state of health, but with, apparently, no ground to apprehend so soon, the sudden and awful summons which all flesh must hear and obey. He visited the Island of Portsmouth—a favorite summer resort for the people of Washington—with the hope of being benefitted by the pure ocean air, but it soon became evident that he was fast sinking, and he at once found himself surrounded by noble, generous and sympathising hearts, who delighted to vie with each other in rendering those offices of kindness which are so soothing to the sick and afflicted. His bed was surrounded by those who, if wishes could have restored to health, would have sent him rejoicing to his friends at home. But the fiat had gone forth, the shadow of the Angel of Death was then hovering over him. A few hours of mental agony and the great tyrant

triumphed.—Death claimed our beloved Brother as his own—and his spirit was called to the God who gave it.

No less as a man than as an Odd Fellow, he was entitled to our high regard and esteem. As a Brother of the Order he was always in good standing in his Lodge, and in his life he practically illustrated those principles congenial to his nature.

In his tried friendship he was firm and unchanging; his truth was pure and bright, and he abounded in acts of benevolence and charity—as a son and brother he was dutiful, kind and affectionate. But his earthly career is now ended, he sleeps that sleep whence none shall wake him.

I hope I shall be excused this feeble tribute as coming from one who esteemed the departed as a valued friend, respected him as an honest man, and loved him as an Odd Fellow.

M. W. G. M., I move the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Allwise Disposer of human events, to remove from the earthly associations of our fraternity, our beloved brother, Justin E. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden of this Lodge, while yet in the flower of life and in the midst of usefulness, and,

WHEREAS, It is our duty as Odd Fellows, and our privilege as friends to sympathise with those who are afflicted, therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with the relatives and friends of the deceased in this afflicting dispensation of Providence, and that we tender to them our most sincere feelings of condolence in their bereavement.

Resolved, That as a testimonial of our regard for our deceased brother, the Grand Warden's chair be draped in mourning, and the officers and members of the Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the session.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased, signed by the Grand Secretary and attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Which was adopted.

Rep. E. W. Jones, submitted the following on the demise of R. W. G. Chaplain, Rev. M. L. Douglass, viz:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine will to remove from our midst, our brother, M. L. Douglass, Right Worthy Grand Chaplain to this body, since the last communication of this Grand Body.

Resolved, That this Lodge feels deeply the sad bereavement, and mourns with those of his family and friends, who have sustained such irreparable loss, that in his death, the Lodge and Order throughout the State has lost a fine; consistent, and zealous member, and the Church to which he was attached, a bright and irradiating light, and that as a testimonial of our high appreciation of our brother, the Grand Guardian be directed to clothe the Chaplains' desk with suitable badges of mourning, and that we will wear the badge of mourning for thirty days.

Which was adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to 3 o'clock, p. m.

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3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Rep. Jas. B Webb offered the following on the demise of P. G. Alexander Ramsour.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the All wise disposer of human events, to remove from time to eternity, our deceased brother, P. G., Dr. Alexander Ramsour, a worthy member of this R. W. Grand Body.

Resolved, That we, as members of the same tender to the relations of our deceased Brother, our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted a further Report, which by request was incorporated in the Report of the morning session.

The following invitation was extended the Grand Lodge, by Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, which was accepted.

To the R. W. G. Master, officers and Members
of the R. W. G. Lodge, I. O. O. F. of North Carolina:

You are respectfully invited to attend a Party, on Friday evening, the 28th inst, given by Buena Vista Lodge, in honor of your Grand Body: Also to join procession of the order on Thursday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., when the order will be addressed by Rev. A. Paul Repiton, of Wilmington.

In behalf of the Lodge,
JOHN SLOAN,
A. WEATHERLY,
JOHN W. HOWLETT, } *Committee.*
Wm. H. FAUCETT,
Nov 24th, 1856. W. BROWN.

The Grand Master announced the following Committees, viz:

Committee on the State of the Order.—P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, Rep. E. W. Jones, and Rep. J. A. Wierman.

Committee on Finance.—Representatives E. A. Vogler, S. F. Johston, and Wm. S. Anderson.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—Representatives N. W. Cook, J. M. Price, and John Sloan.

Committee on Petitions.—Representatives Wm. W. Frizell, E. T. Rice, and W. H. Morrison.

Committee on Correspondence.—Representatives, J. A. Baily, B. Womble, and H. W. Abernethy.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—Representatives Smith, A. E. Davis, and W. W. Petree.

Committee on By-Laws.—Representatives P. Clark, E. W. Jones, and Jno. H. Daniel.

Committee on Subordinate Lodges not represented.—Representatives John Rigler, Jas. W. May, and D. W. Rhine.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Representatives S. W. Neal, Alex. Miller, and P. G. A. Weatherly.

Committee on Credentials.—P. G. M. T. H. Hardenberg, Rep's. J. W. Neal, and Jas. B. Webb.

The following letter and report were received from G. R. R. A. Caldwell, which on motion were read and received.

SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 22d, 1856.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN:

Circumstances over which I have no control will prevent my being with you during the first two days of the term. I will try and be present on Wednesday to give an account of my stewardship. I send by the M. W. Grand Master, my report as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Yours in F., L. and T.,
R. A. CALDWELL, *Grand Rep.*

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith submit my report, as Grand Representative from this Jurisdiction, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Lodge convened in annual communication in the City of Baltimore, on Monday, the 17th of September, A. D., 1856, and continued its session through a period of eight days. A large amount of business was transacted, and much remained undone for want of time. Nearly every Jurisdiction was represented, and the deliberations of the body were conducted with perfect harmony and decorum—nothing transpiring that at all affected that unanimity and good feeling which should ever characterize an association of Odd Fellows. The M. W. Grand Sire, William Ellison, having been detained at home by sickness, the Grand Lodge was presided over by the R. W. D. Grand Sire, George W. Race, of Louisiana.

It was to me a source of unalloyed regret that the sole responsibility of representing this Jurisdiction in the last Grand Communication devolved on me, in consequence of the inability of my colleagues to attend. This deprived me of their experience and counsel, and the Grand Lodge of their services. How far, in the discharge of my duties as Representative, I reflected the will, and endeavored to carry out the sentiments of members of the association in this State, it is for you to decide. I confidently believe that I gave no vote that will meet your disapprobation.

Propositions were brought forward to effect a mergement of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments into Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and the extinction of the Patriarchal as a separate and distinct branch. In every instance they were voted down. My votes were in accordance with the well known wishes of the Jurisdiction that I represented. It will be a long time, if ever, before this end can be accomplished.

The decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire made during the past year, that were approved by the Grand Lodge, are as follows:

1st. That a brother or Patriarch residing in one State is not entitled to admission, as a member, nor can his proposition for membership upon a final card, be received in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of another State, he remaining a resident and citizen in the State from which his card was issued, unless the previous consent of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, or Grand Master, or Grand Patriarch, is first had and obtained.

2d. That a brother holding a withdrawal card from one State is entitled

to the annual travelling pass-word in use at the time, and retains the right to visit in another State with the same pass-word for a year.

3rd. That the presentation of a withdrawal card should be the production of a "proper card,' as required by article 16, Sec. 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Body.

4th. That there is no general law of the Order, limiting or regulating the number of times a candidate can be proposed after a rejection; the enquiry is a matter for local law.

5th. That under the old Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the thirtieth bye-law directed the State Grand Bodies to enact laws to prohibit their subordinates from initiating persons at places remote from their residences, while Lodges or Encampments are located in their immediate neighborhood; but in the new Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge there is no provision in regard to the matter at all, and the whole subject is very properly left for local State legislation.

6th. That a brother, holding a withdrawal card which has run out of date, may be recognised as an ancient Odd Fellow, and may be allowed to renew his membership by the deposit of said card in a Lodge at the place of his residence, subject to the payment of such fee as the local law may require.

7th. That a brother suspended from membership in his Lodge is thereby out off from all benefits and privileges, and in case of his death during such suspension, the Lodge is under no liability on account of his decease.

8th. That it is not competent for a Lodge, after its first term, to elect scarlet members to the office of Noble Grand, when brothers who have served as Vice Grand were in nomination, except in cases where all qualified members refused to accept the office of Noble Grand, then a Lodge may elect a scarlet member; provided, however, a dispensation for that purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the Jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

9th. That a D. D. Grand Sire has no authority, by virtue of his office, to issue warrants for Lodges or Encampments, or to reclaim, or recall charters of Lodges or Encampments, who persist in doing work irregularly. It is his duty to report any irregularity to the Grand Sire, who alone, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, can reclaim, or cause to be recalled, all charters issued by this Grand Lodge.

10th. That the law regulating the degree of Rebekah allows the wife of any scarlet member, in good standing, of a subordinate Lodge, to be entitled to receive the degree; consequently a State Grand Body does not possess the power of authorising its subordinates to require any pecuniary compensation for conferring said degree.

11th. That a brother holding an unexpired withdrawal card, retains the right to prefer charges for unworthy conduct against a member of his Lodge during the year for which said card extends.

12th. That it is the right of a Lodge to examine a visiting brother every night he may present himself for admission, and must be introduced by the examining committee.

13th. It has been enquired of me whether it is competent for a Grand Encampment, or Grand Patriarch, to grant a card to enable a Patriarch to join a subordinate Encampment, if said Patriarch is, at the time, largely in arrears to a defunct Encampment. My reply was as follows: That a Grand Body has full power in the premises, not only in the resumption of its powers of a Subordinate which has become extinct, but in its original control over all the members of the Order in its jurisdiction; even while a subordi-

mate is in full operation, a Grand Body may direct it to restore a suspended or expelled member, without its consent. The discretionary power implies, of course, a wise and judicious investigation into the circumstances of every case presented.

14th. That a Grand Master when visiting a subordinate in his official capacity is entitled to the honors of the Order, but a Grand Master may visit in his individual capacity as a member of the Order, and upon such visits, he should not expect to be received with the honors. It is only when he announces himself as Grand Master, that the visit becomes official.

15th. That a Brother suspended for a definite period for non-payment of dues, when that time expires, is placed precisely in the same position in which he was previous to his suspension, with the additional amount of dues accruing; and if the Lodge wish to discipline him further, his case must be taken up again; but a brother suspended for a definite period as a punishment for some specific offense, upon the expiration of his term of suspension he is *ipso facto* restored to membership.

16th. That there is no law of the Order regulating the payment of a greater amount of weekly benefits to scarlet degree members, than those of the royal blue. The matter is left entirely to local legislation. The Grand Sire in his annual report brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge the fact, "that the usage prevailed in many subordinate Lodges for balloting for all degrees in the initiatory degrees. This is in direct conflict with the Grand Lodge of the United States at its session of 1851, and reaffirmed in 1853, and 1854 upon the appeal from the Grand Sire that such a requirement was necessary. The chair was also sustained by the Grand Lodge in its ruling, that the proceedings of the Degree Lodge must be kept in a separate record book." I call the attention of this Jurisdiction to the points, more for the purpose of guarding against innovation, than to animadvert upon any violation of the Law.

An invitation was extended to the Grand Lodge from the brethren of the Order in Norfolk and Portsmouth to dedicate their new Hall, which had just been completed, and for which the lodge was in arrears. It was urged upon the Grand Lodge that the moral effect of such a dedication would go far towards reviving and encouraging the members of the Institution in those cities, and stimulating them to renewed zeal and activity. Their sufferings from the plague had been dreadful. Fifty Odd Fellows had fallen at their posts, and the condition of the Institution was far from being prosperous. These with many other considerations, induced the Grand Lodge to accept the invitation. It will be seen by reference to the journal that the final vote stood fifty-four for accepting the proposition, and thirty-six against it. My votes were in the affirmative. By this act one day was lost from the deliberations of the Grand Lodge, still, by holding night sessions the balance of the term, the time was fully made up.

Several propositions came up for altering the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, all of which were rejected. I do not deem it necessary to advert to but one, viz: the proposing to alter the basis of representation. I voted against the proposition, in opposition to the wishes of this Grand Comunication as expressed at its last session. My reason for this was, that if the alteration had been made, North Carolina would have been deprived of her just representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The following resolutions adopted by the last Grand Communication, deserve the special attention of the Order throughout its jurisdiction:

Resolved, That the laws of the Grand Lodge require the Noble Grand of a Lodge always, when present at its meeting, to preside; and the Vice Grand to act as Noble Grand in the absence of that officer; and that a N. G., or V. G., acting as noble Grand, has not the right or power to waive his right and place as Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair, during the presence in the lodge room, of either of the two first officers above named: *Provided*, That this decision is not to be considered as applicable to a temporary absence during a portion of a lodge meeting of the officers, in which case the chair must be filled as provided in charge book.

Resolved, That subordinate Lodges and Encampments in reinstating members suspended for non-payment of dues, shall have power to remit in whole or in part, the dues accruing during the suspension of such members.

Resolved, That all visiting and final Cards shall hereafter be signed by the holders thereof, in the presence of the officer by whom the annual pass-word is communicated to such holders.

Resolved, That the officers of subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall not be installed, nor furnished with the semi-annual pass-word unless the reports, returns, and moneys due from such Lodges and Encampments, to their respective superior Jurisdiction, be actually made, and placed in the hands of the proper officer, or be actually in transit to the proper destination.

Resolved, That in case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand, or Vice Grand of subordinate Lodges, and all qualified members, refusing to accept either of said offices, the Lodge may elect a scarlet degree member thereto, who shall be entitled to the honor of the office as in case of constituting a new Lodge: provided, however, that a dispensation for the purpose be obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction of which the Lodge belongs.

I earnestly invoke your attention to these Resolutions.

Trusting that your labors may redound to the prosperity and usefulness of the Order; that your deliberations may be characterized by an enlightened discretion, and that your acts may be guided by the wisdom of one who controls the destinies of nations as well as individuals, it is with unwavering confidence that the aims and objects of our noble institution are commended to his benign care and heavenly protection.

RICHARD A. CALDWELL, *Grand Rep.*

D. G. M., Jas. E. Morris, offered the following:

Resolved That this Grand Lodge proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year to-morrow afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

Adopted.

On motion of D. G. M., J. E. Morris, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, Nov: 25, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present W. J. Hoke, Grand Master, and the Grand Officers and Representatives as on yesterday.

Prayer by Grand Secretary, A. Paul Repiton, G. C. pro. tem.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report: That Certificates in

form and duly authenticated, are before them of the appointment as Representative to this Grand Body during the present Communication

T. F. Crist, proxy, *Uarrie Lodge, No.* 59. P. G. Thos. Williams, *Howard Lodge, No.* 35. P. G., Rev. A. W. Cummings, *Swannanoa, Lodge, No.* 56, P. G. J. W. Beasely, *Oriental Lodge, No.* 24.

That satisfactory evidence has been presented to them of the regular services as N. G. of Carolina Lodge, No. 52, of Nathan Hunt, Jr., now a member of Uarrie Lodge, No. 59, and of P. G., Wood, of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. HARDENBERGH,
S. W. NEAL,
J. B. WEBB. } *Committee.*

Resolved, That P. G. Nathan Hunt, jr., and P. G. Wood be admitted, and the Degrees conferred.

Which was adopted, and the above named individuals were introduced and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

The following was offered by Rep. Wm. W. Frizell, and was adopted.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of N. C:

WHEREAS:—It has pleased an All wise Providence to remove from time to eternity, our well beloved brother, Josiah Johnson, a member of this Right Worthy Body, therefore

Resolved, That we tender to the relatives and friends of our deceased brother, our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

W. W. FRIZELL.

The Committee on Petitions submitted the following, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the petition of Thos. H. Markman and others, praying for a Charter for a Lodge to be located at Danbury, Stokes County, N. C., to be styled Danahau Lodge, No. 58, Also the petition of J. I. Brown and others, praying for a Charter for a Lodge, to be located near Normal College, in the county of Randolph, to be styled Uarrie Lodge, No. 59, respectfully recommend that Charters be granted the above Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. FRIZELL, *Chairman.*

D. D. G. M. J. M. Price, submitted a report as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Soon after I received the Certificate of my appointment as D. D. G. M., I received a communication from our Grand Master, W. J. Hoke, requesting me to go to Chapel Hill, and look into the condition of Samaritan Lodge, No. 31. About the 20th, of April last, I reached Chapel Hill, and after conversing with the better portion of the brothers belonging to the Lodge, and being assured that said Lodge could not prosper at this time, and they being anxious, and believing *it to be for the good of the Order* to surrender

their Charter, Books and other property—I took charge of the same, after disposing of what was not necessary to take away; what was sold amounted to - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $119 33
Less my expenses as instruction of Grand Master, - 13 13

Leaving a balance of - - - - - - - - - $105 74
which will be paid over to the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally yours,
J. M. PRICE, D. D. G M.

After a vote of thanks to D. D. G. M. Price, for his faithful and prompt discharge of duty, on motion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Committee on Charters.—Representatives, J. B. Webb, T. F. Crist, and S. F. Johnston.

Rep., E. A. Voglar offered the following, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Wm. Hauser, formerly belonging to Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, whilst in existence, applied for a card, of which application no notice was taken either upon the minutes or by action of the Lodge. Upon not receiving his card, and being square upon the books of the Lodge, and no charge against him he ceased to visit said Lodge—Samaritan Lodge being now defunct, and he being desirous of reinstatement in the Order:

Resolved, That said Wm. Hauser, have the privilege of joining Salem Lodge, No. 36, and be fully reinstated into the Order.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. VOGLAR.

Rep. B, Womble, submitted an appeal from the decision of Brown Creek Lodge, No, 43, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Rep., E. W. Jones, moved that the Instruction in the unwritten work of the Order be taken up to-morrow, which motion was adopted.

Rep., J. A. Bailey, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted a correspondence from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Virginia, which on motion was ordered to be filed away among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report: That a Certificate, without a Seal, signed by S. Whitfield, N. G., and John Graely, V. G. of Friendship Lodge, 47, has been presented the Committee, accrediting P. G. Robert E. Davis, as Representative from that Lodge, to this Communication of your R. W. Body. The certificate being without a Seal, and no other satisfactory evidence being in possession of your Committee that the brother in question has performed the requisite service to entitle him to a

seat. Your Committee feel reluctantly constrained to report against his admittance.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. HARDENBERGH,
S. W. NEAL.
J. B. WEBB. } *Committee.*

On motion of Rep. E. A. Voglar, the Grand Lodge adjourned to half past two o'clock.

Tuesday, 2 1-2 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to the order of recess. Officers in their stations.

The following communication from Uarrie Lodge, No. 59, was submitted by Rep. E. A. Voglar.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

The officers and members of Uarrie Lodge, No. 59, beg leave to shew that they having been working between five and six months under warrant of Dispensation from the Grand Master, do now most respectfully ask your Worthy Body to grant them a Charter.

Also, inasmuch as many of the members are remotely situated, they ask leave to hold semi-monthly meetings.

Most respectfully submitted,

N. HUNT, jr., N. G.

Signed by order of the Lodge, in Lodge, Nov. 22d, 1856.

Which on motion was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. J. H. Johnson offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That Farmington Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., have leave to hold semi-monthly meetings instead of weekly meetings commencing with the first Thursday in January, 1857; meeting 1st and 3d Thursday. Also, that Davie Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F., have leave to hold semi-monthly meetings instead of weekly meetings commencing with the first Wednesday in January, 1857; meeting first and 3d Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. JOHNSON.

Rep. S. W. Neal, offered the following resolution, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Resolved, That the members of Pee Dee Lodge, No. 39, I. O. O. F., be allowed to change their time of meeting from Monday, to Thursday evening.

Rep. E. A. Voglar moved that the Lodges within this jurisdiction be granted permission to have one public procession during the coming year—which was adopted.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, offered the following resolution, which was laid over under the rule.

Resolved, That Article 11, Sec. 2, be annulled by adding the following proviso, viz: That the Grand Lodge shall not have the power to tax the Widow, and Orphan's and Education Funds of Subordinate Lodges.

T. H. HARDENBERGH.
E. T. RICE,
J. E. MORRIS,
S. W. NEAL.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted a Report, which on motion was laid on the table.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted their Report as follows:—which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to Report: That they have had under consideration a report of D. D. G. M. J. M. Price, relative to his having taken in charge the Books and Funds of Samaritan Lodge, No. 31. at Chapel Hill.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the report of D. D. G. M. J. M. Price, be received and spread on the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

JOHN A. BAILEY,
B. WOMBLE, } *Committee.*
H. W. ABERNETHY.

The Chair announced that the hour had arrived, when the Grand Lodge had determined to proceed to the Election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Jno. Sloan, and Wm. S. Anderson, as Tellers.

Nominations for Grand Master.—

Rep. J. B. Webb, nominated Rep. E. W. Jones,
" S. S. Jones, " " E. A. Voglar,
" Alexander Miller, " D. G. M. J. E. Morris,

The Tellers having received the ballots, reported that Rep. E. W. Jones, had received a majority of all the votes cast.

The Grand Master announced that Rep. E. W. Jones, of Esperanza Lodge, No. 28, had received a majority of all the votes cast, and was declared duly elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Deputy Grand Master.—

Rep. E. A. Voglar, nominated Rep. J. A. Wierman,
" S. S. Jones, " " E. A. Voglar,
" L. H. Smith, " " P. G. J. M. Price.

On counting the votes, the Tellers reported there was no election. A ballot was again had, when the Tellers reported that Rep. J A Wierman, had received a majority of all the votes cast.

The Grand Master announced that Rep. J. A. Wierman, of North State Lodge, No. 26, had received a majority of all the votes cast, and was declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Grand Secretary.—

Rep. S. W. Neal, nominated G. Secretary A. Paul Repiton.

There appearing no other nomination, on motion, the Grand

Master declared P. G. R. A. Paul Repiton, elected by acclamation.

Nominations for Grand Treasurer.—

Past Grand J. M. Price, nominated G. T. R. J. Jones.

No other nominations appearing, the Grand Master, on motion, declared P. G. R. J Jones, elected by acclamation.

Nominations for Grand Warden.—

Rep. S. W. Neal, nominated P. G. J. M. Price,
P. G. M. T. H. Hardenberg, nominated Rep. S. F. Johnson
P. G. P. Thurston, nominated Rep. Jno. Sloan,
D. G. M. J. E. Morris, nominated P. G. A. Weatherly,
Rep. J. B. Webb, nominated Rep. S. W. Neal,
" E. T. Rice, nominated " J. B. Webb,
" Rep. P. Clark, " E. T. Rice.

A ballot was had, when the Tellers reported there was no election. The names of the two lowest were dropped. A ballot was again had, when the Tellers reported that P. G. J. M. Price, had received a majority of all the votes. Whereupon the Grand Master declared P .G. J. M. Price, of Muchuena Lodge, No. 20, duly elected Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Nomination for Grand Chaplain.—

D G M J E Morris, nominated Rep. Rev. A W Cummings,

There being no other nomination, on motion, the Grand Master declared Rep. Rev. A. W. Cummings, of Swannanoa Lodge, No. 56, duly elected Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Grand Representative G. L. U. S.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, nominated P. G. R. W L. Steele.
Rep. J. B. Webb, nominated Rep. E. A. Voglar.
" E. T. Rice, " G. M. W J. Hoke.

A ballot was had, when the Tellers reported that Grand Master W. J. Hoke, had received a majority of all the votes cast.

When D. G. M. J. E. Morris, declared Grand Master, W. J. Hoke, of Mountain Lodge, No. 19, duly elected Grand Representative of the G. L. U. S. for two years.

D. G. M. J. E. Morris, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to install the Grand officers elect, to-morrow at half p ast three o'clock, which was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances which was laid over, was on motion taken up. The appeal was read with the Report of the Committee, when after some debate, there appearing *no* appeal, the Report was withdrawn and the case dismissed.

On motion of Rep. E. W. Jones, the Grand Lodge adjourned to half past nine o'clock, to-morrow.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 9 1-2 o'clock, a. m.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, most of the Grand Officers present.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order, when prayer was offered by G. C. elect, Rev. A. W. Cummings.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Charters submitted the following, which on motion of Rep. E. T. Rice, was adopted, and the Committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters beg leave to report: That the Charters for Swannanoa Lodge, No. 56, located at Asheville; Danahau Lodge, No. 58, located at Danburg; Uarrie Lodge, No. 59, located at Normal College, are filled and duly signed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. WEBB,
T. F. CRIST,
J. H. JOHNSON. } *Committee.*

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the state of the Order to whom was referred certain portions of the M. W. Grand Master's Report, together with the decisions made during recess, respectfully report: That so much of the Grand Master's action as relates to Concordia Lodge, No. 11, Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, Lumber River Lodge, No. 42, and Contentnea Lodge, No, 34, the Committee approve of and recommend its confirmation. On motion adopted.

The dispensation granted to Excelsior Lodge, 41, to change their time of meeting from Monday to Tuesday night, the Committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

The dispensations to Edgecombe Lodge, No. 50, to hold a day meeting the first Saturday in every month, and to Yadkin Lodge, No. 30, to meet once in two weeks, the Committee approve and recommend their confirmation, it being understood, however, that the N. G. and V. G., of those Lodges, must continue in office for the full period embraced in twenty-six regular meetings before they can become entitled to the P. O. Degrees, and to seats in the Grand Lodge, Adopted.

The decisions made by the Grand Master as mentioned in his report, your Committee believe to be correct and recommend that they be confimed. Adopted.

Your Committee are of the opinion that there has been no legislation either by the G. L. U. S., or by this R. W. Body, imposing any restriction as to the age of initiates, with the single exception that they shall be of the age of twenty one years. They believe, however, that it could be a fit subject for legislation, and that persons above the age of forty-five should not, as a general rule be admitted into our Order.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. H. HARDENBERGH,
E. W. JONES,
JNO. A. WIERMAN. } *Committee.*

Resolved, That persons above the age of forty-five years shall not be initiated into our Order, except by special dispensation of the Grand Lodge. Adopted.

On motion the Report was adopted as a whole.

Rep. S. S. Jones, asked leave of absence from and after 12 o'clock to-day, which on motion was granted.

P. G. J. H. Johnson, asked leave of absence, which on being put to the Grand Lodge, was lost.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report: That they have had before them the Books and Papers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and have thoroughly investigated the correctness of each separately and compared the same, one with the other and find them correct.

They, however, find that Grand Treasurer Jones, associated with P. G. W. L. Smith and P. G. E. W. Hall, the Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge to have the proceedings of the same printed, made a contract with P. G. T. Burr, of the Herald office in Wilmington, for the printing of 500 copies. The Committee understood the stipulated price to be $95, but on the settlement with the printer, found there was a misunderstanding, the printer demanding $110 for the work.

Grand Treasurer Jones, has rendered the bill at but $95, paying the $15 out of his own private funds.

We deem it nothing but justice that the same be refunded to him, and beg leave therefore to submit the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer, P. G. R. J. Jones, be allowed the sum of $15, paid by him as above stated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. VOGLAR,
S. F. JOHNSTON,
Wm. S. ANDERSON. } *Finance Committee.*

The Committee on Finance submitted the following which on motion was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The Committee on Finance have had before them a bill presented by Swannanoa Lodge for $22, being the expenses incurred by P. G. Abernathy in instituting that Lodge, and though the Committee believe it contrary to usage, they find on Page 339 of the Digest of the Acts of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, that such is the law, and therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer refund or pay to Swannanoa Lodge the amount of said Bill.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. VOGLER,
S. F. JOHNSTON,
Wm. S. ANDERSON. } *Finance Committee.*

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We the Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report: That we have examined the Books of Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, relating to the suspension and expulsion of Wm. Hauson, a member of that Lodge, that he was suspended on the 1st of July, 1855, and expelled the following October for non-payment of Dues, at which time he was over arrears to said Lodge, $3,6¼.

Recommend that he be reinstated by this Grand Body, so as to enable him to become a member of Salem Lodge, No. 36, by paying his arrears up to the time Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, ceased to work, to this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
NORTON W. COOK,
JNO. M. PRICE,
JOHN SLOAN. } *Committee.*

The Committee on Petitions submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the Petition of J. F. H. Hardy and others praying for a Charter for a Lodge to be located at Asheville, N. C., to be styled Swarrow Lodge, No. 56, respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted thereto.

Your Committee also recommend that dispensations be granted Uarrie Lodge, No. 59. Davie Lodge, No. 51, and Farmington Lodge, No. 46, to hold three stated meetings semi-monthly except in the months of January and July, in which they shall hold three meetings—and that Pee Dee Lodge, No. 39, be allowed to change its time of meeting from Monday to Thursday evenings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
W. W. FRIZELL,
E. T. RICE.
W. H. MORRISON. } *Committee.*

When on motion the items in the Report were considered and adopted separately—and finally the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report, which on motion was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report: That they find in examining the Grand Master's Letter Book that Hanks and Swannanoa Lodges are each No. 56. Your Committee are of opinion that Hanks Lodge

has the preference, but insomuch as Swannanoa Lodge has purchased a costly regalia and seal which are No. 56, and Hanks Lodge has a seal only, your Committee recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

Resolved, That Hank's Lodge be No. 57.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. BAILEY,
B. WOMBLE, } *Committee.*
H. W. ABERNETHY.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report: That they have before them the proceedings of the following Lodges, viz: Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Florida, Iowa, District of Columbia, Louisiana and California, also the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Missouri.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina reciprocate.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. BAILEY,
B. WOMBLE, } *Committee.*
H. W. ABERNETHY.

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges reported—which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully report: That they have examined the By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 47, and find nothing objectionable therein.

The By-Laws of Danahau Lodge, No. 58, the 2d sec. of Art. 17th reads as follows: "Every member that has been a contributing member twelve months shall be entitled to $2 per week," which we find conflicts with the 23d Art. of the general laws which says "a bona fide member shall not receive less than $3 per week. Your Committee would recommend that the Article be so amended as to read $3 per week.

The By-Laws of Marlboro' Lodge, No. 55, have been examined; we find no serious objections.

The By-Laws of Uarrie Lodge, No. 58, we find several serious objections. First in Art. 9 which reads "in the absence of the N. G. and V. G., the R. or L. S. to N. G. shall take the chair," which we think conflcts with the ancient usages of the Order if not of the Laws. Also Art. 17, Sec. 2d, which allows members in good standing but "$1,50 per week as sick benefits," which is in violation of the 23d Art. of the general laws. Also Art 20, Sec. 3d reads "that any brother who shall be found in a state of intoxication may be suspended not less than 12 weeks, or may be expelled," which conflicts with the 25th Art. of the General Laws, which reads "that any brother who shall be found in a state of intoxication shall be suspended not less than 12 weeks and may be expelled.

Your Committee would recommend that the above articles be so amended, first, that Art. 9 be so amended as to read "that in the absence of the N.

G. and V. G., some P. G. shall take the chair. Also Art 17th, Sec. 2d, be so amended as to read "any bona fide member in good standing shall be entitled to $3 per week in case of sickness." Also Art. 20, Sec. 3 be so amended as to read "that any brother who shall be found in a state of intoxication shall be suspended not less than 12 weeks and may be expelled.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. CLARK,
O. W. JONES, } *Committee.*
J. H. DANIEL.

The following was submitted by Rep. P. Clark, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned having been informed that a law exists emanating from the Grand Lodge of the United States, to the effect that no Subordinate Lodge has power to expell a member for non-payment of dues as they deem this fact to be no criminal act on his part.

Now this Grand Lodge has a law existing which imposes a tax of 15 per cent on all amounts due the Lodges from their members as well as those collected from the same for dues, fines, taxes, &c.

I therefore beg leave to propound the following questions:

Subordinate Lodges being prohibited by the laws of the G. L. U. S. from expelling a member.

And this Grand Lodge having a law to tax Subordinate Lodges for dues not collected which is becoming burdensome.

The question arises, how shall the Subordinate Lodges be relieved from this burden? Signed POMEROY CLARK.

The Committee on Unfinished Business offered the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report: That they have examined the proceedings of last annual Communication of this Grand Lodge and find the following resolutions requiring action.

On page 34 Rep. Johnson, moved the following resolutions which were laid over until the next Communication.

Resolved, That Sec. 2 of Art. 12 of the Constitution of G. Lodge be repealed.

Resolved, That in all questions before the Grand Lodge, and in the election of officers of said Lodge, whenever the vote by Lodges is called for, every Lodge through its Past Grands, and each officer of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote.

Resolved, That Sec. 3 of Art. 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read thus: 'The vote by Lodges on any question, or in the election of officers, may be required by any one Lodge.'

Respectfully submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge.

S. W. NEAL,
ALEX. MILLER, } *Committee.*
A. WEATHERLY

W henP. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, offered the following:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be received, and that the Grand Lodge proceed to the consideration of the resolution.

The question being put the resolutions were rejected.

The Report of D. D. G. M. J. M. Price, was on motion taken up, when Rep. E. W. Jones submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master, J. M. Price in regard to the officers of Samaritan Lodge, No. 36, together with the Report of the Committee of Correspondence, be received. That the D. D. Grand Master have leave to pay to the Grand Secretary, the balance of the money arising from the sales of the effects of Samaritan Lodge, after deducting the expenses, and to hand over to the Grand Secretary the Books, Charter, Seal and other property of said Lodge. That this Grand Body doth declare, that Samaritan Lodge, No. 31, has by non use forfeited all its privileges and its charter, and that the same is surrendered to and hereby resumed by this Lodge, (and that the Grand Secretary be directed to burn the Records of said Lodge, together with such effects as may be valueless to this Lodge.)

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, moved to amend by striking out, "and that the Grand Secretary be directed to burn the Records of said Lodge, together with such effects as may be valueless to this Lodge." The question was taken on the amendment, which was adopted; when on motion the resolution was adopted as amended.

R. W. Grand Guardian, A. Weatherly, moved that some one be appointed in G. Rep. R. A. Caldwell's place, to instruct this Grand Lodge in the unwritten work of the Order The motion prevailed, and the Grand Master appointed P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh, to discharge that duty.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. A. W. Cummings on the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, in the place of Rep O. W. Jones, who was granted leave of absence.

The following communication from Eureka Lodge, No. 7, was received, when on motion it was laid on the table.

HALL OF EUREKA LODGE, No. 7,
Newbern, N. C., Nov. 18th, 1856.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, of I. O. O. F.

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS:—The members of Eureka Lodge, No. 7, cordially invite your Grand Body to hold your next Annual Communication in our Hall, in this town. By order of the Lodge.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN HUTCHINSON, Sec'y.

P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh moved that when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it do so to meet at 3 o'clock—carried.

Rep. A. W. Cummings, offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be now appointed to present to this Grand Body at its next regular Communication, a form of Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to the time agreed upon.

Nov. 26th, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment and was opened in due form.

The first business being the instruction of the Grand Lodge in the unwritten work of the Order. P. G. M. T. H. Hardenbergh proceeded to the discharge of that duty. On motion, the degree of Rebekah was postponed to another time.

P. G. Solomon Hopkins, of Buena Vista Lodge No. 21, was introduced and received Grand Lodge Degree.

The Grand Master announced the following Committee on Constitution to be prepared and submitted at the next session of this Body: Rep. A. W. Cummings, P. G. M. J. B. Newby, and P. G. M. *W.* S. G. Andrews.

The hour having arrived for the Installation of the Officers elect, P. G. M. Hardenbergh and P. G. Thurston, were requested to present the officers elect to the principal chair for Installation.

Rep. E. W Jones, Grand Master elect, was presented and duly installed Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Rep. J. A. *W*ierman, Deputy Grand Master elect, was then presented and installed, and seated on the right of the Chair.

P. G. J. M. Price, Grand *W*arden elect, was presented and installed by the Grand Master, and conducted to his Chair.

P. G. R. A. Paul Repiton, Grand Secretary elect, was now presented, installed and conducted to his station.

P. G. T. R. J. Jones, Grand Treasurer elect, was presented, installed, and conducted to his seat.

Rep. Rev. A. *W.* Cummings, Grand Chaplain elect, was next presented, installed, and conducted to his chair.

On motion of P. G. R. A. Paul Repiton, it was

Resolved, To proceed at that time to designate the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

The following comunication was then presented, which was on motion laid on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

By a resolution passed in Mec. Dec. Lodge, No. 9, I am instructed to invite this Right Worthy Grand Body to hold its next Annual Communication in their hall in Charlotte, N. C.

JNO. RIGLER,
Rep. Mec. Dec. Lodge No. 9.

Rep. E. T. Rice, offered the following:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the town of Newbern, on the 4th Monday of November, 1857.

Rep. Rigler moved to amend by striking out Newbern,

and inserting Charlotte. Bep. Jno. Sloan moved to amend by striking out Charlotte, and inserting Greensboro.' Rep. Webb moved to amend by striking out Greensboro', and inserting Goldsboro.'

Rep. A. W. Cummings moved that the whole of the resolutions lay on the table, which was carried.

P. G. M. W. J. Hoke moved that we now proceed to nominate a place for holding the next Annual Communication, and that the vote be taken by Lodges. Adopted.

Nominations were then made as follows, viz:

Rep. Jno. Rigler, nominated Charlotte.
" Jno. Sloan, " Greensboro.'
" W. S. Anderson, " Wilmington.
" J. B. Webb, " Goldsboro.'
" Smith, " Tarboro.'

A ballot was then had, when the Tellers reported that there was no election.

On motion all but the three highest were dropped.

A ballot was again taken, and on the result being announced by the Tellers, the Grand Master declared that the next session of this Grand Lodge will be held in the town of Wilmington, on the 4th Monday of November, 1857.

P. G. M. W. J. Hoke, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure ten copies of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, commencing with the year 1852, and including the present session—and have them bound for the use of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. S. W. Neal, Rep. S. F. Johnston, of Hanks Lodge, was authorized to change the number in the Charter of said Lodge from 56 to 57.

Rep. S. W. Neal offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That in publishing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, the list of the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges shall be included.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish the Subordinate Lodges with blank forms of Certificates of Representation and Service.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to P. G. M. W. J. Hoke, for the able, efficient and dignified manner in which he has performed the arduous duties appertaining to the office of Grand Master of this jurisdiction for the official year,

A motion was made to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow, which was lost.

A motion was then made to meet at half past 8 o'clock. which motion was adopted.

DEC. 27th, Thursday, 8 1-2 o'clock, a. m.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Officers in their stations, except the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master called the Lodge to order, when *R*ep. E. T. Rice, was appointed Grand Secretary pro. tem., and the Grand Lodge was opened with prayer by G. C., Rev. A. W. Cummings.

P. G. David McLean, of Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, was introduced and received the Grand Lodge Degrees.

*R*ep. J. W. Beasly, of Oriental Lodge, No. 24, was granted leave of absence on account of sickness.

Leave of absence was also granted the following *R*epresentatives: G. C., *R*ev. A. W. Cummings, of Swannanoa Lodge, No. 56, Thos. Williams, of Howard Lodge, No. 35, S. D. Phillips, of Neuse Lodge, No. 6, and Jas. W. May, of Marlboro' Lodge, No. 55.

P. G. M. W. J. Hoke offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn on Friday morning 10 o'clock, to meet in Wilmington, on the 4th Monday in November 1857.

On motion of *R*ep. E. T. *R*ice, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, this afternoon, for the purpose of joining Buena Vista Lodge, No. 31, in their procession and address at 11 o'clock, a. m.

DEC. 27th, Thursday, 2 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Officers in their stations.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order, when the proceedings of yesterday were read and appoved.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report: That they have before them a communcation from the Grand Lodge of California, requesting a copy of the Constitution of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Sec of this Grand Lodge forward to the Grand Lodge of California a copy of the bound volume of the proceedings of this Grand Body.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN A. BAILEY,
B. WOMBLE,
H. W. ABERNETHY. } *Committee.*

The Committee on Correspondence submitted a further *R*eport, which was adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined the Letter Book of the Grand Master, and sundry documents connected with this Grand Body, and while they find nothing to condemn, discover much to approve. The letters of the Grand Master disclose the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, and prove his official action to have been governed by good intention, correct judgment and a proper zeal for the interest of the Order.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the decisions of the Grand Master on the questions of principle and practice during his term of service, as contained in his letter book be affirmed by the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BAILEY,
B. WOMBLE,
H. W. ABERNETHY. } *Committee.*

The Committee on *R*eturns and *R*eports, submitted the following *R*eports, which were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns and Reports having made the necessary examination, present the following Report:

They find the following Returns and Reports for the term ending June 30, 1856, to be in due form. Cape Fear No. 22, Cross Creek No. 4, Mec. Dec. No. 9, Phalanx No. 10, Concordia No. 11, Achoree No. 14, Smyrna No, 18, Tuscarora No. 22, North State No. 26, Esperanza No. 28, Yadkin No. 30, Howard No. 35, Salem No. 36, Olive Branch No. 37, Pee Dee No. 39, Excelsior No. 41, Enterprise No. 44, Ezil No. 54.

The following reports have no seals attached:

Neuse N. 6, Winchester No. 16, Mountain No. 19, Contentnea No. 34, Catawba No. 40, Palmetto No. 48, Hardenbergh No. 49, Edgecombe No. 50, Davie No. 51, Marlboro' No. 55, Hanks No. 56, Swannanoa No. 56, Danahau, No. 58.

Returns are improperly signed: Oriental No. 34, Falling Creek No. 29, Palmetto No. 48.

The following Returns have no list of members attached:

Washington No. 3, Eureka No. 8, Muchuena No. 20, Buena Vista No. 21, Brown Creek No. 43, Farmington No. 46.

None of the above returns have the name of the Post Office attached to them.

We find no Returns from the following Lodges: Piedmont No. 25, Columbus No. 27, Samaritan No. 31, Thaddeus No. 5, Manteo, No. 8, Caswell No. 32, Constancia No. 38, Lumber River No. 42, Clarendon No. 45, Friendship No. 47, Carolina, No. 52, Uarrie No. 59.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. SMITH,
A. C. DAVIS,
W. W, PETREE. } *Committee.*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns and Reports having made the necessary examination, present the following Report:

They find the following Returns for the term ending June 30, 1854, to be improperly signed, and have no seals attached: Eureka No. 7, Palmetto 48, and for the term ending Dec. 31, 1354, the following Return improperly signed: Thaddeus No. 5, and for the term ending June 30, 1855, the following Returns which have no seal and are improperly signed: Thaddeus No. 5, Palmetto No. 48, and for the term ending Dec 31st, 1855, the following Returns and Reports which are in due form: Cape Fear No. 2, Washington No. 3, Eureka No. 7, Manteo No. 8, Phalanx No. 10, Concordia No. 11, Achoree No. 14, Smyrna No. 18, Muchuena No. 20, Buena Vista No. 21, Salem 36, Olive Branch No. 37, Excelsior No. 41, Brown Creek, No. 43 Farmington No. 46, Hardanberg, No. 49.

The following Reports have no seals attached: Mec. Dec. No. 9, Winchester No. 16, Mountain No. 19, North State No. 26, Esperanza No. 28, Howard No. 35, Catawba No. 40, Palmetto No. 48, Edgecombe No. 50, Davie No. 51, Marlboro' No. 55, Contentnea No. 34.

The following Returns are improperly signed and made out: Neuse No. 6, Cross Creek No. 4, Winchester, No. 16, Mountain No. 19, Catawba No. 40, Enterprise No. 44, Palmetto No. 48, Contentnea No. 34.

The following Returns have the name of the Post Office attached: Tuscarora No. 22, all others are defaced in this respect.

We find no Report from the following Lodges: Thaddeus No. 5, Oriental No. 24, Piedmont No. 25, Columbus No. 27, Samaritan No. 31, Caswell, No. 32, Friendship No. 37, Constancia No. 38, Lumber River, 42, Clarandon No. 45, Carolina No. 52, Monroe No. 53.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. A. SMITH
A. C. DAVIS, } *Committee.*
W. W. PETRE.

The Committee on By-Laws introduced the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on By-laws respectfully Report: That they have examined the By-Laws of Swannanoa Lodge No. 56, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

POMEROY CLARK,
A. W. CUMMINGS, } *Committee.*
J. H. DANIEL.

The Committee on By-Laws submitted the following, which on motion of P. G. M. W. J. Hoke, was laid over to the next session of this Grand Body.

The Committee on By-Laws to whom was referred the query of Rep. P. Clark, to meet the difficulties set forth in the preamble accompanying the 2d query, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That hereafter the Subordinate Lodges be exempt from paying the per centage due the Grand Lodge on Dues of suspended members until the same is collected.

POMEROY CLARK,
A. W. CUMMINGS, } *Committee.*
J. H. DANIEL.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made a verbal report, and asked for further time, which was granted.

The Committee on Lodges not Represented made the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Lodges not Represented beg leave to report: That the following Lodges are not represented:

Washington No. 3, Thaddeus No. 5, Manteo No. 8, Achoree No. 14, Winchester No. 16, Smyrna No. 18, Piedmont No. 25, Columbus No. 27, Falling Creek No. 29, Caswell No. 32, Constancia No. 28, Lumber River No. 42, Clarendon No. 45, Friendship No. 47, Palmetto No. 48, Davie No. 51, Carolina No. 52, Monroe No. 53.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN RIGLER,
J. W. MAY,
D. W. RHINE. } *Committee.*

Rep. S. W. Neal offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby unanimously tendered to the officers and members of Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, for the use of their Lodge Room, on the present occasion. Also, for the many acts of kindness and hospitality extended to the members of this Grand Body, during the present Communication.

A. C. Davis offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives to this Grand Lodge be and are hereby authorized on their return home to their respective Lodges, to confer the P. G. degrees on all P. Gs., and the honorary degrees of Past N. G. and Past Secretary, upon all brothers who have been elected and have actually performed the duties of those offices.

Rep. S. W. Neal offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have all necessary printing done, and that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay said bills when presented to him endorsed by the Grand Secretary.

Rep. E. T. Rice offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in all applicati ns for the establishment of new Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the traveling and other incidental expenses of the Instituting Officer, shall be paid by the Lodge thus applying.

Resolved, That all legislation heretofore had relative to this subject is hereby rescinded.

Rep. S. W. Neal offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no Representative, after taking his seat in this Grand Lodge (the same being duly organized for the transaction of business,) shall be allowed leave of absence during its deliberations, except in case of sickness of himself or that of his fa ily, unless by unanimous consent of this Right Worthy Body.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the above resolution to the Subor inate Lodges, working under this jurisdiction.

Rep. E. T. Rice submitted the following report:

To the R W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of this Grand Body in

May, 1854, that I was appointed to visit Franklin Lodge No. 13, at Louisburg, and enquire into its position. I have discharged that duty, but not being a member of the last Grand Lodge, I failed to make a report at the proper time. I found the Lodge entirely demolished, and was unable to find the working books. I could find no one who knew anything about them. I, however, went to work with the aid of Bro. T. Carlile, and got a considerable quantity of Regalia, Caps, &c., together with the Secretary's books and other papers belonging thereto, all of which is at present deposited in Muchuena Lodge No. 20, waiting the instruction of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. RICE.

P. G. M. W. J. Hoke, offered the following resolution in connexion with the above report:

Resolved, That the report of Rep. E. T. Rice concerning the affairs of Franklin Lodge No. 13, be received, and that P. G. Rice be requested to dispose of the Regalia, and send proceeds of sale, together with the Seal and Books to the Grand Secretary, and that this Grand Lodge declares its charter forfeited. Adopted.

Grand Representative R. A. Caldwell, not having arrived, Rep. P. Clark offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to our Grand Representative, R. A. Caldwell, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the high and important position of G. R. G. Lodge United States at its late session.

Rep. P. Clark offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grands John Sloan, and A. Weatherly, of Buena Vista Lodge No. 21, be appointed a Committee to dispose of the Regalia sent to this Grand Lodge from Samaritan Lodge No. 31, now defunct, at such price as they can get for the same, and report the amount of sale to the Grand Secretary.

The following resolution was offered, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to P. G. S., A. Paul Repiton, and P. G. Tr., R. J. Jones, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the respective duties of their office.

S. W. NEAL.

The following resolution was offered by Rep. J. B. Webb, and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, and report the conflicting points at the next Annual Communication of this Body. Committee P. G. R. Walter L. Steele, G. R. R. A. Caldwell, and Rep. S. W. Neal.

The following resolution was offered by Rep. J. B. Webb, and on motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That each D. G. M., shall visit the Lodges in his District once during his term of office, and report to this Grand Lodge the condition of said Lodges, and the subordinates thus visited, defray his expenses.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the committees appointed at the last Annual Communica-

tion of this Body, for the purpose of corresponding with the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, and requesting of them their Daguerreotypes as a means of preserving their likenesses, be continued.

S. W. NEAL.

Grand Master E. W. Jones appointed Rep. S. W. Neal, Grand Conductor of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, who was duly installed.

Also, Rep. W.S. Anderson was appointed Grand Guardian for the same period, who was also duly installed.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn at 6 o'clock, P M., this afternoon.

Rep. P. Clark offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed and forwarded to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, a full explanation of such *heads* of the Semi-Annual Reports as may require it.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned to 8 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DEC. 28th, Friday, 8 1-2 o'clock, A. M

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—present, the Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge being called to order by the Grand M ter, prayer was offered by P. G. R. Rev. A. Paul Repiton.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of North Carolina

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have exam the following accounts of Officers and Representatives for expenses in tending the present session of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that t be paid:

W. J. Hoke,	Grand Master				$28
Jas. E. Morriss,	Dept. Grand Master				34
A. Paul Repiton,	"	Secretary			16
Richard J. Jones,	"	Treasurer			24
J. M. Price,	"	Conductor			24
William S. Anderson,	Rep.	Cape Fear Lodge	No.	2	24
W. W. Frizzell,	"	Cross Creek "	"	4	29
S. D. Philips,	"	Neuse "	"	6	14
Alexander Miller,	"	Eureka "	"	7	38
John Rigler,	"	Mec. Deca'n "	"	9	18
Norton W. Cook,	"	Phalanx "	"	10	28
A. C. Davis,	"	Concordia "	"	11	48
H. W. Abernathy,	"	Mountain "	"	19	27
E. T. Rice,	"	Muchuena "	"	20	24
J. B. Webb,	"	Tuscarora "	"	22	26
J. W. Beasley,	"	Oriental "	"	24	48
J. A. Wierman,	"	North State "	"	26	17
E. W. Jones,	"	Esperanza "	"	28	46
S. S. Jones,	"	Yadkin "	"	30	18
O. W. Jones,	"	Contentnea "	"	34	21
Thos. Williams,	"	Howard "	"	35	29
T. F. Crist,	"	Salem "	"	36	17
J. H. Daniel,	"	Olive Branch "	"	37	14
S. W. Neal,	"	Pedee "	"	39	37
D. M. Rhine,	"	Catawba "	"	40	28
W. H. Morrison,	"	Excelsior "	"	41	26
B. Wamble,	"	Brown Creek "	"	43	38
Pomeroy Clark,	"	Enterprise "	"	44	21
J. H. Johnson,	"	Farmington "	"	46	18
W. W. Petree,	"	Hardenburg "	"	49	18
L. H. Smith,	"	Edgecombe "	"	50	36
John A. Bailey,	"	Ezel, "	"	54	26
James W. May,	"	Marlboro "	"	55	26
A. W. Cummings,	"	Swannanoa "	"	56	4
J. F. Johnston,	"	Hanks "	"	57	2
					$89

ur committee having approved the following accounts, recommend their ent, viz:

or instituting Swannanoa Lodge	$22 00
or A. P. Repiton, Grand Secretary, for salary and other incidental expenses	324 50
or G. M. W. J. Hoke, Printing, Postage, &c	13 00
or R. A. Caldwell, Printing Circulars	8 00
or Guardian Officer, Printing Circulars	1 50
or R. J. Jones, Grand Treasurer	25 00
or R. J. Jones, Reimbursement on Printing	15 00
or J. W. Howlet, Steward, services Grand Lodge	8 00
or J. W. Howlet, sundries, stationery, &c	5 20
	$422 20

nount total, Representatives and Officers	$896 00
cidental expenses	422 20
	$1,318 20

Respectfully submitted,
S. F. JOHNSTON,
WM. S. ANDERSON, } *Committee.*
S. W. NEAL.

our committee after a careful examination, consider that the probable nses of the next session, together with the other demands accruing, by this Grand Lodge, will probably be met from the revenue produced ne present tax of 15 per cent. upon receipts of Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,
S. F. JOHNSTON,
WM. S ANDERSON, } *Committee.*
S. W. NEAL.

ep. J. B. Webb offered the following resolutions, which e laid over under the rule:

solved, That there shall be a Grand Lecturer appointed, who shall visit ie Lodges in the State, and lecture and instruct in the unwritten work, eport at the next Annual Communication.

solved, 2d, That each Subordinate Lodge be taxed 20 per cent. instead 5, to defray the salary of said Lecturer, to go into effect at the next ial Communication.

he Grand Master made the usual appointment of Grand Ining Officers, which will appear in their usual place.

o other business appearing, the Grand Master called up the nd Lodge, when, by request, prayer was offered by P. G. . A. Paul Repiton.

he Grand Lodge then closed in the bonds of Friendship, e and Truth.

A. PAUL REPITON,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

From November 1856, *to November* 1857.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER.

EDWARD W. JONES, Plymouth.

RIGHT WORTHY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

JNO. A. WIERMAN, Salisbury.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND WARDEN.

J. M. PRICE, Warrenton,

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

Rev. A. PAUL REPITON, Wilmington.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

RICHARD J. JONES, Wilmington,

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Rev. A. W. CUMMINGS, Asheville.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, G. L. U. S.

R. A. CALDWELL, Wadesboro.'

W. J. HOKE, Lincolnton.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTOR.

S. W. NEAL, Wadesboro.'

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND GUARDIAN.

W. S. ANDERSON, Wilmington.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1st District,	P. G. Wm. H. Clark,
2d "	" M. T. H. Hardenbergh,
3d "	" Wm. L. Smith,
4th "	" E. T. Rice,
5th "	" F. Meller,
6th "	" A. Weathrely
7th "	" Thos Williams,
8th "	" Jno. A. Dickson,
8th "	" Rev. A. W. Cummings.

INSTALLING OFFICERS,

From 4th Monday in Nov. 1856, *to 4th Monday in Nov.* 1857.

Cape Fear Lodge,	No. 2,	Thos. M. Gardner,	Wilmington.
Washington "	3,	R. H. Worthington,	Murfreesboro.
Cross Creek "	4,	John Shaw,	Fayetteville.
Thaddeus "	5,	——— ———,	Clinton.
Neuse "	6,	Geo. Washington,	Goldsboro'.
Eureka "	7,	Lewis Phelps,	Newbern.
Manteo "	8,	Isaac Proctor,	Raleigh.
Meck. Dec'rn "	9,	Robert Shaw,	Charlotte.
Phalanx "	10,	Jesse R. Stubbs,	Washington.
Concordia "	11,	A. C. Davis,	Beaufort.
Achoree "	14,	Wm. H. Clark,	Elizabeth City.
Winchester "	16,	B. B. Lawrence,	Rocky Mount.
Smyrna "	18,	Jesse H. Davis,	Smyrna.
Mountain "	19,	H. W. Abernethy,	Lincolnton.
Muchena "	2 ,	John C. McCraw,	Warrenton.
Buena Vista "	21,	E. W. Ogburn,	Greensboro'.
Tuscarora "	22,	Stephen Miller,	Kinston.
Oriental "	24,	H. L. Ward,	Colerain.
Piedmont "	25,	Jones Erwin,	Morganton.
North State "	26,	S. R. Harrison,	Salisbury.
Columbus "	27,	Calvin Haynes,	Whiteville.
Esperanza "	28,	E. J. Johnson,	Plymouth.
Falling Creek "	29,	Walter L. Steele,	Rockingham.
Yadkin "	30,	S. S. Jones,	Clemmonsville.
Caswell "	32,	J. W. Neal,	Yanceyville.
Contentnea "	34,	O. W, Jones,	Snow Hill.
Howard "	35,	Thos. Williams,	Shelby.
Salem "	36,	T. F. Crist,	Salem.
Olive Branch "	37,	J. H. Daniel,	Smithfield.
Constancia "	38,	F. L. Miller,	Windsor.
Pee Dee "	39,	S. W. Neal,	Wadesboro'.
Catawba "	40,	D. W. Rhine,	Newton.
Excelsior "	41,	M. H. Spurr,	Statesville.
Lumber River "	42,	Jno. Hartman,	Lumberton.
Brown Creek "	43,	B. Womble,	White's Store.
Enterprise "	44,	Pomeroy Clark,	Wilson.
Clarendon "	45,	T. Burr, Jr.,	Wilmington.
Farmington "	46,	J. H. Johnston,	Farmington.
Friendship "	47,	W. B. Whitefield,	White Hall.
Palmetto "	48,	R. L. Steele,	Car. Fem. Col.

Hardenbergh	"	49,	L. R. Gibson,	Germanton.
Edgecombe	"	50,	L. H. Smith,	Tarboro'.
Davie	"	51,	J. M. Clements,	Mocksville.
Cambria	"	52,	Noble Grand,	Jamestown.
Monroe	"	53,	Henry Ringstaff,	Monroe.
Ezil	"	54,	J. A. Bailey,	Roxboro'.
Marlboro	"	55,	J. W. May,	Marlboro'.
Swannanoa	"	56,	A. W. Cummings,	Asheville.
Hanks	"	57,	S. F. Johnston,	Greenville.
Danahau	"	58,	Noble Grand,	Danbury.
Uarrie	"	59,	N. Hunt,	Nor. College.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

Belonging to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, June 30, 1856.

CAPE FEAR LODGE, No. 2.

Past Grands.—John Campbell, Rev. A. P. Repiton, J. D. Gardner, Thos. H. Howey, Horace Burr, Rev. B. L. Hoskins, T. L. Guess, B. Sherman, W. C. Howard, Jos. McLaurin, Thomas M. Gardner, W. L. Smith, George H. Kelly, A. T. McCollum, W. S. Anderson, Eli W. Hall, J. J. Conoley, R. J. Jones, B. F. Harrison, J. J. McCollum.

Scarlet Degree.—James Arnold, Jesse Bowden, George Brown, Henry Baker, B. G. Bates, H. Burkhimer, W. F. Burch, George T. Curtis, John Crone, J. R. Coney, James M. Craig, J. S. Dunham, S. W. Dunham, R. H. Drane, O. Fennell, James Fulton, R. H. Grant, James A. Garrason, H. D. Gilbert, R. Gill, Sam. P. Gause, L. A. Hart, A. A. Hartsfield, W. E. Hyde, J. L. Keene, Jas. E. Kea, Jos. Lawton, E. J. Lutterloh, James S. Melvin, L. Meginny, J. Mulock, W. Matthews, John C. McDowell, John McLaurin, W. Neff, N. N. Nixon, H. R. Perrin, J. F. Post, D. W. Peace, A. B. Rothwell, Rev. T. P. Ricaud, R. Simpson, W. L. S. Townshend, W. Wilson.

Royal Blue.—R. W. Blaney, Jas. A. Burch, J. W. Clemons, W. J. Milligan, A. Mindal, Wm. Marks, Wm. Peirce, James D. Radcliffe, F. D. Smaw.

Covenant Degree.—John B. Craig, George Gadsby, T. C. Craft, W. M. Harris, F. Huster, W. T. Newell, Hiram Polly, James T. Petteway, R. G. Rankin, T. Sikes.

First Degree.—C. J. Coney. T. J. Hudson, Francis McWilliam, T. W. Wescott.

Initiatory.—L. H. Bowden, J. E. Bowers, John Bishop, Jno. Cowan, A. D. Cazaux, W. H. Costin, John Gafford, R. S. Grissom, E. D. Hall, Geo. W. Harris, J. R. Ivey, W. M. Lewis, John Plunkitt, Jno. B. Price, S. Reeves, Joseph Springs, W. R. Utley. David Wells, Thomas B. Webb.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 3.

Past Grands.—R. H. Worthington, L. T. Spiers, H. G. Trader, J. W. Hill, T. J. Deans, B. A. Spiers, R. R. Parker.

Scarlet Degree.—P. S. Williams, Jno. W. Hutchings, Jesse A. Jackson.

Third or Royal Blue Degree.—G. D. Parker.

CROSS CREEK LODGE, NO. 4.

PAST GRANDS.—J. B. Newby, Arch'd McLean, John Shaw, Henry Lilly, John Shaw, James G. Cook, W. T. Frizell, A. A. McKethan, George Lauder, C. Lutterloh, Thomas M. Sackett, John Smith, H. B. Sedberry, James G. Smith, Charles Nixon, Rev. J. McDaniel, Daniel McRae, J. A. Nicholson, Hugh Graham.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.—Owen Houston, G. W. Lawrence, J. Lum, Reuben Jones, James R. Lee, John R. Little, J. S. McDonald, Duncan McNeill, J. M. Stedman, Wm. Wemyss.

ROYAL BLUE DEGREE.—S. P. Boon, Israel Dodd, D. S. Maultsby.

COVENANT DEGREE.—R. D. Davis, J. D. McArthur, D. M. McDougald, Alexander McPherson, Theophilus Evans, Neil Smith.

WHITE DEGREE.—Rev. R. H. Jones, R. W. Kinlaw, S. Gale.

NEUSE LODGE, No. 6.

PAST GRANDS.—S. D. Philips, John Taylor, C. J. Nelson, W. S. G. Andrews, Wm. M. Puryear, Jno. W. Ezzell, Daniel Cogdell, N. B. Stanly, Wm. Robinson, John B. Griswold, John W. Davis, N. B. Stanly, Matthew Albritton, H. H. Moore, James A. Washington, E. B. Wood.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.—Thomas T. Hollowell, John E. Becton, S. Webb, R. J. Gregory, John N. Andrews, William Pope, William F. Brown, John T. Toler, John J. Bradbury, John T. Kennedy, D. D. Baker, J. H. Crawford, M. Closs, D. L. Burbank, W. A. Williams, A. H. Humphrey, T. A. Granger, D. C. Carrington.

THIRD DEGREE.—Henry Pope.

SECOND DEGREE.—Stephen Cogdell, William Taylor, A. F. N. Rolfe, A. H. Langston, Hen. R. Strong, W. S. Barcliff, A. Stancil.

FIRST DEGREE.—Louis Frankfort, David H. Miller, William H. Ferguson, James H. Harrison, Robert Southerland.

INITIATORY MEMBERS.—A. Vann, Jacob G. Becton, S. D. Pritchett, John D. Person, James H. Brent, Griffith Brockett, Samuel E. Carlile, John B. Clements, Josiah Fields, D. H. Seamans, James S. Long, N. D. Fennell, J. R. Kinton.

EUREKA LODGE, NO. 7.

PAST GRANDS.—Israel Disoway, James C. Justice, Wm. Hay, John N. Washington, Alexander C. Blount, John Hutchinson, Jas. E. Morris, Louis Phelps, Alexander Justice, L. B. Heritage, Alexander Miller, Wm. H. Mayhew, John W. Hancock.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.—J. D. Beal, John C. Coart, B. M. Cook, Emmet Cuthbert, S. W. Chadwick, Elisha Colbert, D. W. Dudley, Chas. G. Fields, Samuel G. Fairchild, Richard F. Green, Osian Hanks, Ellsworth Hanks, Thos. S. Howard, Jos. Hackburn, Frank Hall, John F. Jones, A. Latham, Wm. P. Moore, Matthew Matthews, John W. Oliver, Walter Powers, Jacob Roundt, David Simand, George W. Taylor, William H. Washington, James L. Wallace.

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS.—John B. Hill.

FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS.—James W. Bright, George Street.

MECKLENBURG DECLARATION, NO. 9.

PAST GRANDS.—Joshua Trotter, A. Bethune, E. W. Andrews, Jno. Rigler, Robert Shaw, R. M. Robinson, R. W. Moore, D. H. Byerly, Jonas Rudisill, George Spencer, J. J. Beryhill, P. S. Whirnant.

Fifth Degree Members.—W. J. Allison, B. G. Blackwood, J. S. Beryhill, William Beryhill, Alexander Beryhill, D. C. Barnhart, William S. Briant, James Craige, Robt. Collins, J. S. Campbell, J. J. Darnall, John L. Deaton, J. Dals, Thomas W. Dewey, John C. Frazer, Thomas Gibbon, H. A. Giles, A. Hill, J. H. Homes, J. F. Kinsell, William Lorance, D. Leadwell, H. S. Miller, J. R. Pickett, William W. Quinn, S. G. Pickert, W. J. Stevenson, J. M. Sanders, Henry Severs, Jno. A. Tye, John Townley, A. A. N. M. Taylor, F. S. Weddington, W. Anderson, T. Anderson.

Fourth Degree Members.—David Renew, S. C Pharr.

Initiatory Members.—Wm. B. Dusenbery, C. W. Abernethy.

PHALANX LODGE, NO. 10.

Past Grands.—Benjamin F. Hanks, O. W. Telfair, George H. Brown, T. H. Hardenbergh, R. L. Myers, Wm. B. Myers, N. W. Cook, J. R. Carmer, S. K. Corden, H. Dimock, J. E. Jones, dec'd, M. Stevenson, John G. Williams, D. Reid, J. R. Stubbs. A. A. Willard.

Fifth or Scarlet Degree Members.—H. P Allen, Charles Aden, Benjamin Albritton, W.W. Brown, A. Baerman, William G. Biggs, Thomas B. Bowen, George S. Brown, B. T. Brown, A. Craig, H. Carraw, Wm. B Campbell, D. M. Carter, Wm. S. Corden, Jas. F. Crawley, S. T. Carraw, Edward H. Dill, George W. Dixon, John Duffy, John R. Daniels, Jno. J. Doughty, J. Daniels, T. F. Davenport, J. T. Ewell, Thomas Fitchett, S. H. Forbs, R. Granger, Benj, F. Gautier, D. Gaskill, S. F. Gilliken, C. Gallaway, H. F. Hancock, D. B. Horton, J. H. Horton, J. Hanks, H. Hodges, L. Hyatt, Geo. Howard, B. F. Harding, H. G. Jobie, C. A. Jordan, B. J. Kuch, T. J. Lathane, S. W. Lathane, William Z. Morton, E. J. Mitchell, C. G. Mezer, C. Macuder, J. S. McWilliams, D. P. Monles, A. A. Orrell, James Page, Turner Pollard, J. M. Pringle, J. R. Proctor, J. W. Redding, O. F. Rue, J. B. Ross, J. S. Robbins, Frederick Rue, C. Rohr, U. H. Ritch, John G. Rue, A. Mc. Rue, F. B. Satterthwaite, J. H. Small, J. H. Satterthwaite, E. B. Shaw, J. Swindell, J. U. Simmons, John Tyler, W. R. Tripp, J. S. Tier, Geo. Turner, M. F. Van Nortwick, J. Wallace, C. C. Whitehurst, J. T. Winfield, A. Warner, J. Walfendon, Wm. B. Winfield.

Third or Royal Blue Degree Members.—W. S. Mayo, Joseph Potts, C. Patrick.

First or White Degree Members.—William B Cowell, John O'Donnell.

Initiatory Degree Members.—N. S. Neale.

CONCORDIA LODGE, NO. 11.

Past Grands.—John W Morgan, David W Morse, Benj L Perry, H H Willis, R W Chadwick, A C Davis.

Scarlet Degree Members.—D H L Bell, John W Bell, R W Chadwick, Wm Cramer, C F Delamar, Geo Dill, Thos Duncan, A C Davis, Wm J Fuller, Jas E Gibble, James Longest, W B Phyroe, M C Phelps, Henry Rieger, John P Thomas, S F Willis, James Ward, R C Walker.

Covenant Degree Members.—E S Buckman, George W. Morse, John M Pigott, J P Roberson.

White Degree Members.—W H Fulford, David Canaday.

Initiatory Degree Members.—Jonathan Stanton, C R Thomas.

ACHOREE LODGE, NO. 14.

Past Grands.—Wiliiam H Clark, William F Martin, William E Mann, John Pool, James W Hinton, L H Saunders, J M Mathews, R H Speed, J

B Fearing, P C Williams, W W Burgess, A H Curran, Wm P Mathews E W Saunders.

Fifth Degree Members—A W Banks, A H Burcher, Thomas R Bland, C B Brothers, William H Butt, John A Cooper, William C Davis, John Frost, A J Glover, Thornton Gray, William J Gregory, Caleb Gregory, William A Harney, William T Hinton, James Hall, Austin J nes, John B King, Joseph Lawrance, John A Melson, Joshua McCoy, William Newbold, Thomas S Nash, Daniel Owens, George Poiner, Alvry Purdy, David Pritchard, James Rodgers, Benjamin Richardson, William Robertson, William L. Shannon, Dennis Simmons, Caleb Sanderline, Josiah Simmons, Joseph Simmons, William E Vaughn, John S Waugh, Robertson White, A T Woodley.

Fourth Degree Members.—George Bell, Sen., Joseph Evins, Maxy Overton, Albert White.

Third Degree Members.—Benjamin Burnham, Isaac Burnham, Joshua Davis, Samuel S Davis, J B Dyer, William H Jackson, William Lyon, William Mason, Stephen Rodgers, James L Smithson, William Tatem, James A. Woodward.

Second Degree Members.—Levi D Broughton, James W Butt, John Black, Thomas Heath, James Nichols, R F Overman, E R Quillan.

Initiatory Degree Members.—George W Bell, Levi Ballance, James C Black, Willis A Brothers, Thomas A Commander, James Cartright, Charles Hudson, John M Jennings, William H Jackson, William J Kellinger, John M Hinton, Morgan Timothy, Jos Morris, Jas McCoy, Geo W Nixon, Thomas Parr, Watson Walker, Augustus West, B F Weaton.

WINCHESTER LODGE, NO. 16.

Past Grands.—B B Lawrence, W T Gay.

Scarlet Degree Members.—B B Armstrong, C C Bonner, B D Battle, J S Boddie, J J Bradley, B G Braswell, H D Battle, J R Daniel, J G Fort, Jno Fly, Bennett Gay, W J B Harper, W B Jordan, W W Lane, J D Lawrence, Wm Register, J D Savage, W E Spicer, James Walsh.

Second Degree Members.—E H Flowers.

Initiatory Degree Members.—A G Wood, Robt Long.

SMYRNA LODGE, NO. 18.

Past Grands.—Samuel E Davis, David W Whitehurst, Melvin J Davis, Jesse H Davis, Wm W Rumley, Whittington Davis, Calvin J Davis, Allen L Cooper, John D Willis.

Scarlet Degree Members.—Jacob J Chadwick, Alfred H Chadwick, Abram B Davis, Isaiah Davis, Martin V Davis, Wm F English, Morris J Lupton, Wilson F Piver, John G Roberts, John W Styron, Cason J Gibbs, Lorenzo W Styron, Ephraim F Willis, Cicero S Willis, Daniel C Willis, George W Willis.

Royal Blue Degree Members.—John J Lupton, Sylvester B Davis, John W Smith.

Covenant Degree Members.—Oscar F Willis.

Initiatory Degree Members.—Richard W Fulford, Joseph J Lupton, Amos Willis.

MOUNTAIN LODGE, NO. 19.

Past Grands.—Alexander Ramsour, William J Hoke, R J Hoke, Wm Edward , H William Abernethy, Benjamin H Sumner, Daniel M Jacobs, Seth W Stubbs, Thomas Wells, Wm Ramsour.

Fifth Degree Members.—Rev'd Henry Asbury, Rev'd Thornton Butler,

Ephraim Blackburn, Ephraim J Brevard, James O Bean, Wm P Compton, Lawson A Dellinger, Jerome B Fulton, John A Huggins, Benjamin S Johnson, B M Gettan, James F Johnston, James H Oates.

Fourth Degree Members.—Rev James Brumfield.

Third Degree Members.—George W Williams.

First Degree Members.—Flavius J Jetton.

Initiatory Degree Members.—Hiram P Crawford, Wyatt Gault.

MUCHUENA LODGE, NO. 20.

Past Grands.—J Wilcox, D Parrish, J M Price, T A Montgomery, E T Rice, T Reynolds, J W Holt, H G Goodloe, G R Sledge, J C McCraw, J A Egerton, P T Norwood, J B Solomon, T J Holt.

Fifth Degree Members.—N D Brickell, G D Bellamy, J Collins, William E Clements, William H Ferguson, K Gupton, N Husburg, H L Jones, J R Johnston, J J Minetree, A C McCraw, B B Perkinson, William D Rose, S A Rooks, S E Rodgers, M W Ransom, Dr C Skinner, D W Toney, Wm A Thompson, D R Thrower, T C Thomson, William Watson, G L Watson, L T Watkins, D M Wilson.

Third Degree Members.—D H Davis.

Second Degree Members.—D R Wren, D Stubbs.

First Degree Members.—P W Mottley.

Initiatory Degree Members.—Samuel Harper, Nathaniel McLean, T D Prichard.

BUENA VISTA LODGE, NO. 21.

Past Grands.—J Sloan, S Hopkins, E Watson, A S Porter, J W Howett, P Thurston, E W Ogburn, R C Donnell, P Adams, Michael Brown, D McLane, A Weatherly.

Fifth Degree Members.—M S Black, G W Booker, J L Cole, A C Caldwell, O Churchwell, D Cable, Eli Denny, W A Dunn, H B Dowler, W C Donnell, Jabin Erwin, W M Ellington, Wm M Edwards, J G Efland, R A Forbes, T H Fentress, W S Gilmer, D P Gregg, A L Gilmer, J S Gorrell, W J B Gillespie, B F Hoover, J F Howlett, J L Hindrex, E Hauser, Calvin Johnston, S M Keys, R Lambeth, J A Lambeth, J Minor, W T Mebane, J D McCullock, C S Morning, J M McLane, T J Patrick, S M Patrick, Joseph Shelton, J Stewart, L M Scott, A Starrett, A P Sperry, B Tatum, William Weatherly, J Walker, H C Thompson, E B Wood, J A Weatherly.

Fourth Degree Members.—S A Rowell.

Third Degree Members.—A E D Tatum, J H Fentress, J B Bram.

Initiatory Degree Members.—J P Coe, E Willis, W N Herriford.

TUSCARORA LODGE, NO. 22.

Past Grands.—Thos Woodley, James B Webb Wm H Whitfield, George W Venters, Thomas J Blakely, Richard W King Stephen Miller, John H Jackson, Charles M Griffin, Frederick G Griffin, Loftus Nethercut.

Fifth or Scarlet Degree Members.—Lemuel H Aldredge, J J Armstrong, Josiah Aldredge, E H Best, Jesse Cobb, Wm H Cunmoggin, John Cauley, Leroy Chappell, Thos W Dawson, Moses Ensterne, William Gray, George Gray, James B Graddy, Jacob A Hartsfield, Jesse Hartsfield, Levi Hill, Calvin Hartsfield, James J Hines, James Jones, William F Kennedy, Josephus Latham, J N Miller, Bryan McCullin, Lewis Miller, Redding D Nunn, James T Nunn, Wm H Padrick, George B Price, Jos Sauls, John A Sutton, John Sutton, Sen., Francis A Simmons, Lemuel H Tull, Joseph Tilghman, Alex. S Watson, Jas Waters, S Waller, H Waller, Jno Williams, Wm Waller.

Third Degree Members.—Jesse L Barwick.
Second Degree Members—John A Parrott.
First or White Degree Members.—Josiah Hill.
Initiatory Degree Members.—John D Bardwick, Joseph A Hartley.

ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 24.

Past Grands.—H L Ward, Dr T Brown, Rev. B B Williams, J Wilson, W D Hay-
J W Beasly, Wm Miller, J Leary.
Fifth Degree Members.—J A J Askew, Rev W F Bain, J L Britton, W Daniel, J
Davidson, L Evans, W J Freeman, Rev William Grant, A Holly, S S Harrell, Rev J
Lumsden, W Leary, B Mitchel, B W Margal, J L Morrass, W D Pruden, Z Smith,
P Simons, Col S B Spruill, J Williams, J F Williams, J J Yeates.
Third Degree Members.—T L Evans.
First Degree Members.—J W Trivathar.
Initiatory Degree Members.—Rev W M Ward.

PIEDMONT LODGE, NO. 25.

No list of names.

NORTH STATE LODGE, NO. 26.

Past Grands.—J A Wierman, Wm R Wilson, Samuel R Harrison, J J Bell, Wm
Barker, Samuel W James, J N Earnhart, H B Casper.
Fifth Degree Members.—Hon John W Ellis, B B Roberts, J A Linn, Alex Burr, Luk
Blackmer, Richard Harrison, John Monroe, J A Hunt, Parris Walker, Wm Emery, A
drew Murdock, A Waldeaur, Patrick Howard, John Snider, Wm M Wilhelm, Wm
Julian, Abner Pace, John H McKinley, Wm C Day, Wm L Jenkins, D A Ludwick,
B Farres, Wm J Palmer, D R Bradshaw.
Second Degree Members.—Wm Brown, Jacob Allen, Michael Carter.
First Degree Members.—Thos W Haines.
Initiatory Degree Members.—John P Parks, Thos J Merony, James B Earnhart, J
M Moore, Henry Moore.

COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 27.

No list of names.

ESPERANZA LODGE, No. 28.

Past Grands.—Edmund W Jones, Benjamin F Fessenden, John Nicholls, Edwar
W Johnson, Charles Latham, John Beasley, Edward J Kimmell, Charles A Kissan
Robt H Bennett, Angelo Garibaldo.
Fifth Degree Members.—B S Basnight, J F Davenport, Robert A Dillin, Stephe
Etheridge, A F Garrett, William A Hardison, Asa Johnson, James B Keith, Romul
Knight, Thomas S Latham, Joseph R Norman, David A Pearcy, H G Spruill, Natha
Thompson, Elijah H Willis, Hardy H Waters, A Woodhouse.
Fourth Degree Members.—Henry E. Woolf.

FALLING CREEK LODGE, NO. 29.

Past Grands.—John C Beeman, M L Douglass, Thomas C Leak, W L Steele, P
Stancil, James Stewart, L H Webb.
Second Degree Members.—A W Moody, T W Moody.
Third Degree Members.—Wm B Jordan, T S Jordan, H G Lucas, John W Stubbs,
C Smith.
Fourth Degree Members.—Dudley B Jones.
Fifth Degree Members.—John C Beeman, John J Bennett, W M Bortick, M L Dou
lass, Isaac Ewing, R S Ledbetter, T C Leak, R S McDonald, James H Reid, Walter
Steele, John Shortridge, Robert J Steele, Jr., P W Stancil, W D Townsend, W
Ussery, L H Webb.

YADKIN LODGE, NO. 30.

Past Grands.—A C Wharton, A A Moss, A W Cooper, Lewis Hanes, T D Coopor,
S Jones, C Blackburn.
Scarlet Degree Members.—J W Boner, Milton Blackburn, E W Griffith, John Ha
Willie Jones, John Miller, U H Phelps, John W Riley, Lewis Styres, Josiah Wagne
S S Ward, G A Warner.
W J McElroy was expelled for drunkenness.

CONTENTNEA LODGE, NO. 34.

Past Grands.—Henry H Gibbons, W C Blount, F S Williams, M J Edwards, O W Jones, W Broud, B S Hardy.

Members.—B B Davis, W Q Grimsley, J Parish, N Hooker, Robert Lancaster, Richard Jordan, John W Hooper.

HOWARD LODGE, NO. 35.

Past Grands.—Thomas Williams, David Froneberger, W J T Miller, Rufus Froneberger, R B Price.

Fifth Degree Members.—T T Barnes, M L Carroll, William Goforth, J F Green, P D Fold, E B Jennings, D D Lattimore, J M Newson, A W Quinn, M C Roberts, W Rudasill, P H Sheeford.

Second Degree Members.—A J Cansler.

First Degree Members,—J E Osborne.

Initiatory Degree Members.—H Hallmon, J Jenkins.

SALEM LODGE, NO. 36.

Past Grands.—J Boner, D L Banner, L N Clinard, T F Crist, F Meller, C L Rights, A J Stafford, E A Vogler, A T Zevely.

Fifth or Scarlet Degree Members.—John Alspaugh, J C Beeker, E T Blum, J A Butner, Wm Barrow, H W Barrow, John Banner, J R Crist, M C Doub, E E Folts, William Flynt, J L Fulkerson, Augustus Fogle, Robert Gray, W H Hall, Jno Heisler, E E Holland, A C Hege, S C James, John Jerrell, F A Keehln, E L Krause, Elias Kerner, Israel Kerner, E W Limback, H M Lash, T F Morris, O Mitchell, J Mock, J P Nisson, J C Parry, Jacob Reich, Emanuel Reich, G A Reich, G W Ruedy, D H Starbuck, Edward Spaugh, G W Stewart, James Styers, J G Sides, J E Shuls, S B Shults, Benjamin Turner, J D Tevis, W P Winkler, Joseph Weisner, J W Williams.

Second Degree Members.—Elisha Anderson, A G Beard, Charles Breito, James Lawrence.

First or White Degree Members.—B N Brown, J T Holder, Harrison Reed, Lewis Right, H W Weisner.

Initiatory Degree Members.—Elisha Banner, Elisha Blackburn, Wm Hauser, L E Holland, C M Swink, J B Stockton, A R Jenkins.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, NO. 37.

Past Grands.—Henry H Hobbs, John P Sanford, John H Daniel, Young N Thornton.

Fifth Degree Members.—George B Ballenger, Rev J B Jackson, Barnibas Bane, Linn B Sanders, John Smith, Jacob A Stevens, Sydney A Smith, Jno R Thompson, Parker R Tomlinson.

Third Degree Members.—Needham B Horne, Harriss Johnson.

Second Degree Members.—Rev Wm B Jones, Addis E Lockart.

PEE DEE LODGE, NO. 39.

Past Grands.—R A Caldwell, H B Hammond, Earl Cooley, S W Neal.

Fifth Degree Members.—E J Ashe, M S Austin, R P Allen, A E Bennett, Nathan Beverly, Cary Bennett, H B Billingsly, Rev John Bickwett, Jr., James C Caraway, A C Benton, John Conick, Rev O A Darby, M Dortig, Eli Freeman, James Grimsly, Thos D Gruet, Ed Hutchison, Alex Little, John S Little, J J Lile, A R McBride, L M McLendon, W H Patrick, N C Ramey, R N Ross, E H Sheaton, Thomas G Sanders, Jas J Sheaton; James A Tillman, W W Wilkins, Geo W Willoughby, John Williamson.

Third Degree Members.—C H Sturdivant.

Second Degree Members.—H Y Houze, J P Jones, W M Richardson.

First Degree Members.—J J Liles, W M Pickit, H Sturdivant, John Jeans, William Shadding, James Boggan.

Initiatory Degree Members.—Thomas S Ashe.

CATAWBA LODGE, NO. 40.

Past Grands.—R Brown, T W Bradburn, A T Bost, C Campbell, M L Cline, Wm P Reinhardt, D W Rhiner.

Fifth Degree Members.—A H Shuford, C A Wilfong, W D Wyckoff, J O Gosett, C G Reitzle, M M Wilson.

Third Degree Members.—P Johnson.

Second Degree Members.—Wat Shuford..

Initiatory Degree Members.—H Horner.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, NO. 51.

Past Grands.—R F Simonton, C A Carlton, M H Spurr, J W Woodward, W P Caldwell, P A Claywell, J S Rickert.

Fifth Degree Members.—G W Allison, T A Barker, J A Claywell, Peter Claywell, W M Campbell, Haman Critz, Baxter Clegg, J W Councill, W B Conncill, J N Glascock, J D Gunn, Wm D Hall, W McHaynes, R M Johnson, T A James, Wm B Jones, T J W Kerr, Silas Keaton, J Q Leslie, W H Mowbray, H A Mowbray, W H Morrison, J L Nesbit, V Stirewalt, J R Simonton, J W Shelton, W F Stone, D C Stimson, C L Summers, J Q A Seats, S H Tatum, W H Tays, R S Tays, S L Tays.

Third Degree Members.—A Rhyme, E C Postell.

Second Degree Members.—J F Bell, A F Morton.

Initiatory Degree Members.—H W Ayer.

BROWN CREEK LODGE, NO. 41.

Past Grands.—James Tomlinson, B Womble, James White, Albert Myers, Thomas Gulledge.

Initiatory Degree Members.—D F Redfearn.

White Degree Members.—M G Redfearn.

Covenant Degree Members.—Henry Grady.

Scarlet Degree Members..—J B Cottrel, Wm Crowder, C B Coppedge, John Chears, Jonathan Eldridge, J W Falkner, E T Gaddy, T M Hamilton, George Kendell, J M Knotts, M Lockhart, E J Marsh, Albert Myers, J L McGregor, W L McGregor, A C Moore, Thomas S Myers, Joseph McLaughlin, B N Redfearn, W A Redfearn, William C Teal.

ENTERPRISE LODGE, NO. 44.

Past Grands.—Pomeroy Clark, Oswald Lipscomb, Geo H Griffin, E T Mayo, Albert Farmer, J T Dew, H L Williford, C L Parker.

Fifth Degree Members.—James J Taylor, J T Daniel, Pharo Farmer, Meedy E Williford, Joseph L Petway, D W Weaver, Gray Farmer, Hope Bain, J W Hamlet, Thos Tomlinson, J W H Pritchard, James G Williford, J W Cawthan, B H Barden, DW Batts, Daniel Tomlinson, Peter Brinkley, J T Barnes, Jas Rountree, Willie Daniel, W D Rountree, L B Gay, E W Adams, R D Spiry, James H Payne, P L Simon, Jeremiah Beaman, N T Rountree, Isaiah Rawls, Wm B Daniel.

Second Degree Members.—W W Flowers.

Initiatory Degeee Members.—Jas H Williams, W W Batts, J G Williams, J H Martin, J H Robbins.

CLARENDON LODGE, NO. 45.

No list of names.

FARMINGTON LODGE, NO. 46.

Past Grands.—W W Long, John H Johnson, James H Foote, James W Wiseman, George W Johnson.

Fifth Degree Members.—Neely Bohannon, Geo Carver, M C Evans, J C Foote, Wm Fulford, T G R riffith, Alexander Harper, J H Kinyonn, John Lunn, John Turner, E W Turner, S O Tatum, M A Vestal, S C Welch, W P Ward.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 47.

No list of names.

PALMETTO LODGE, NO. 48.

Past Grands.—L W Cole, R L Steele.

Members.—Z D Clark, W W Twitty, T J Ingram, W S Kendall, T L Gale, G D Morton, H D Kendall, J H Dunlap, R P Simmons.

HARDENBERGH LODGE, NO. 49.

Past Grands.—Lee R Gibson, W W Petree, F L Golding, G W Wilson.

Fifth Degree Members.—John H Terry, W W Cole, John Cole, Thomas F Cole, Jos Waggoner, Daniel Robertson, John M Crews, John G Hill, James C Zimmerman, W F Young, John A Burnett, A E Shoers, S J Golding, John B Kingbury, W J Ray, E H Young, Robert J Allen, P C Journey, James C Voss, James E Meuthew.

Second Degree Members.—John P Biby.

EDGECOMBE LODGE, NO 50.

Past Grands.—L H Smith, W H Powell, J B Palamountain, Jesse Bullock.

Fifth Degree Members.—A Braswell, H B Bryan, N B Bellamy, J F Batts, J H Baker, T F Bellamy, G W Daffin, N A H Goddin, W A Grimmer, T S Hicks, A Hartt, Benj T Hartt, D B Knight, J W Knight, Wm H Knight, G B Lipscomb, J B Lewis, H T Lloyd, G W Lloyd, Thos Landsdale, Wm F Marcus, J H Pippen, Thos H Peters, W M Pippen, L D Pinder, Robt H Rowe, N M Terrell, C G Wilkinson, John W White, Joseph W Womberly, F D Foxhall, Joseph Williford.

Third Degree.—James Hicks.

Second Degree.—H R Cherry.

Initiatory.—C W Burton, W A Lipscomb, John H Ward.

DAVIE LODGE, NO. 51.

Past Grands.—J M Johnson, M D Armfield, J M Clement, M D Armfield.

Fifth Degree Members.—D C Clement, C U Rich, J A Hendricks, G W Moore, J T Martin, M G Richards, D C Wilson, C Harlem, G J Anderson, G W Neely, R R Martin, G M Bingham, B W Parker.

Second Degree.—J D Cleek, B Baily.

Initiatory Degree.—J B Jones, C Anderson, A Glascock, J G Clifford.

CAROLINA LODGE, NO. 52.

No report or names.

MONROE LODGE, NO. 53.

Fifth Degree Members.—Henry Ringstaff, Wm P Stewart, Thos D Winchester, Wm W Mires, Jos F Hough.

EZIL LODGE, NO. 54.

Past Grands.—Dr E J Robertson, Dr J R Marable, Jno A Bailey, Campbell Barrett.

Fifth Degree Members.—John Bailey, James Barnett, C Barnett, S A Barnett, Dr C Bradsher, James Holloway, R C Harris, Chesley Hamlin, Rev John W Lewis, Dr J R Marable, Jesse Munday, Dr E J Robertson, R D Ramsey, C A Smith, L C Smith, J P Fraynham, D Williams, J D Wilkerson, Rev W R Webb, Rev B M Williams.

Initiatory Degree.—John Barnett, H Satterfield, Moses A Woody.

MARLBORO' LODGE, NO. 55.

Past Grands.—James M May, J H Hines.

Fifth Degree Members.—G Allen, P E Hines, R W Hines, G Joyner, J S May, J T Bynum, A Joyner, R A Bynum.

Second Degree.—N Allen.

SWANNANOA LODGE, NO. 56.

Past Grands.—Edward J Aston, Anson W Cummings.

Fifth Degree.—J D Boyd, J D Baldwin, D L Brevard, J A Corpening, Ambrose Gaines, John D Hyman, J F E Hardy, J M Israel, R M Jones, O M Lewis, John McBride, W W McDowell, T W Murrell, J R Neill, J D Reynolds, R B Vance, J W Williamson.

Fourth Degree.—W H Deaver.

Third Degree.—T L Clayton, J Hildebrand.

Second Degree.—J M Bartin

First Degree.—J H Franz, W A Patton.

Initiatory Degree.—Richard N Price.

HANKS LODGE, NO. 57.

Past Grands.—S T Johnston, Thos E Nelson, John Evans, John V Johnston, Wm J Evans, Amos Evans, James Nelson, Wm A Bernard, Thos A Gorham, John J Cherry, Walter S Hanrahan, Franklin Bell, James T Williams, William Dawson, H M Patton, Calvin Cox, Thadius J Bernard, Stephen E Milburn, Franklin Johnston, James A Brown, James A Hanrahan, Rippon Whichard, John S Easton.

Fifth Degree Members.—Ricky Forrest,

Third Degree.—Albert Harper, Montgomra Long.

First Degree.—Acy Pritchett.

DANAHAU LODGE, NO. 58.

Fifth Degree Members.—E L Martin, Nathaniel Moody, W W McCanless, Thomas Noblin, S B Taylor, John W Jerry, Joshua Freeman, Hiram W Adkins, R B Stanfil, Ed H Moore, Alex Moody, Jno M Sisk, Daniel Ziglar, John Martin, Don F Dalton, Elmore Manning, George W Harriss, John C Blackburn, John W May, M J Hampton, R K Pepper, Thomas H Markam.

Second Degree.—C F Frazer, Geo W Amos, Thos F Hart, James B Tucker, John P Smith, William H Kingston, William H Reaves, James M Hill.

First Degree.—Alfred Cullon, Nathan G McGehee, Charles A McGehee.

RELIEF REPORT

Of Subordinate Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, beginning July 1st, 1855, and ending June 30th, 1856.

LODGES.	Number.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed families relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for burying the Dead.	Amount paid for the Education of Orphans.	Amount paid for the Relief of Widowed Families.	TOTAL.
Cape Fear.....	2	9	1	4	$117 50	$83 50	$293 11	$5 00	$499 11
Washington,....	3	....	....	....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
Cross Creek,....	4	5	....	....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Neuse,.....	6	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eureka,.....	7	2	....	....	57 00	20 00	.....	.....	77 00
Meck. Decla'n...	9	6	1	2	63 00	.....	.....	30 00	93 00
Phalanx,.....	10	38	....	....	280 00	.....	52 00	.....	332 00
Concordia,.....	11	5	2	....	30 00	.....	.....	15 00	45 00
Achoree,.....	14	12	....	....	105 00	.....	.....	.....	105 00
Winchester,.....	16	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	82 25	82 25
Smyrna.....	18	1	1	1	15 50	15 50	.....	10 00	41 00
Mountain,.....	19	2	....	1	19 00	30 00	.....	.....	49 00
Muchuena,.....	20	....	....	....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	15 00
Buena Vista,....	21	1	....	2	3 00	60 00	.....	.....	63 00
Tuscarora,.....	22	6	....	....	30 00	40 00	.....	.....	70 00
Oriental,.....	24	8	....	....	27 00	30 00	.....	.....	57 00
North State,....	26	1	....	1	10 50	30 00	.....	.....	40 50
Esperanza,.....	28	....	1	3	16 00	36 00	.....	24 00	76 00
Salem,.....	36	6	....	....	49 00	20 00	.....	.....	69 00
Catawba,.....	40	1	....	....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Excelsior,.....	41	....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown Creek,...	43	4	....	....	36 00	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Enterprize,.....	44	1	....	....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Farmington,....	46	1	....	....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Hardenbergh,...	09	....	....	1	.....	30 00	.....	30 00	60 00
Edgecombe,.....	50	1	....	1	27 60	.....	.....	.....	27 60
Davie,.....	51	2	....	....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Ezel.....	54	1	....	....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	20 00
Hanks.....	56	1	....	1	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
		114	6	18	966 00	430 00	395 11	196 25	1987 46

Abstract of the Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina,

Commencing July 1st, 1855, and ending June 30th, 1856.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Deaths.	P. Grands.	Members.	Amount received for Initiations.	Amount received for Degrees.	Amount charged by Lodges for Dues.	Amount received for Dues.	Amount received for fines & other sources.	Amount received for W. and O. Fund.	Amount received for O. Fund.	Per centage on W. and O. Fund.	Whole amount of Revenue.	Amount upon which per centage is due.	Amount due Grand Lodge.	Remarks.
Cape Fear,	2	Wilmington,	N. Hanover,	Tuesday night	8			5		12	2	2	21	111	35 00	79 00	444 09	444 00	111 00	111 00	11 10	789 00	558 00	94 80	J. H. Meredith, J. C. Bowden, A. Sherwood, David Jones, R. S. Green, J. H. Mallard, J. C. Latta, W. A. Walker, Wm. Sutton, W. J. Yopp, W. W. Price, expelled for non-payment of Dues.
Washington,	3	Murfreesboro,	Hertford,	Friday "									9	6				52 91		16 50	1 65	58 41	52 41	9 58		
Cross Creek,	4	Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	Friday "	5		2	4		8			18	41	30 00	19 00		202 77	1 50	41 00	1 40	289 50	245 50	41 22		
Thad Jones,	5	Clinton,	Sampson,	Friday "																						
Neuse,	6	Goldsboro,	Wayne,	Saturday "	7		3	6					15	60	35 00	35 00		191 71		88 50	8 85	350 24	261 74	48 11		
Eureka,	7	Newbern,	Craven,	Friday "						11	18		13	41		4 00		215 00	20 00	25 50	2 55	239 00	219 00	35 40		
Manteo,	8	Raleigh,	Wake,	Friday "									12	47				9 00		3 00	30	94 00	94 00	17 10		
Meck. Declaration,	9	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg,	Tuesday "	4	1		6	4	19	5	2	12	51	30 00	10 00		309 10		60 50	6 05	525 12	349 40	58 46	Jas. Whitesides, expelled for gambling. David Neal, expelled for being drunk. D. A. Olmen, expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. W. J. Kerr, and B. H. Capehards, expelled for non-payment of dues.
Padanx,	10	Washington,	Beaufort,	Friday "	7	8		4		5	6	1	16	106	35 00	32 00	530 20	293 90	22 00	281 30	28 13	857 00	563 90	112 71		
Concordia,	11	Beaufort,	Carteret,	Friday				2			5		6	32		35 75		122 86	28 00	12 95	1 19	198 20	154 56	25 07		
Arborea,	14	Eliz. ity,	Pasquotank,	Friday "	8	1			1	15			11	94	40 00	40 50	357 71	136 06	2 00	47 21	4 72	275 77	280 38	46 77		
Winchester,	16	Rocky Mount,	Edgecombe,	Saturday "	6	1		3				53	2	26	30 00	63 00		86 93				179 93	179 93	26 98		
Smyrna,	18	Smyrna,	Carteret,	Saturday "								1	9	32	6 00	19 00		108 12	15 50	16 70	1 67	157 57	133 87	20 96		
Monumental,	19	Lincolnton,	Lincoln,	Wed'ay. "	1			3				1	9	31	5 00	22 00		134 08	1 95	32 20	3 22	158 68	128 83	22 47		
Muchmore,	20	Warrenton,	Warren,	Thursday "	3		1	2			3	1	13	47	15 00	41 00	173 09	129 00		38 50	3 85	315 63	219 09	36 70	W. H. Bobbit, expelled for being drunk. C. C. White, and J. H. Moone, expelled for non-payment of dues.
Irena Vista,	21	Greensboro,	Guilford,	Tuesday "	4		3	2		7	2	2	13	73	35 00	17 00		272 50	3 75	50 05	5 00	329 10	271 29	45 68		
Tuscarora,	22	Kinston,	Lenoir,	Friday "	10					4	2		11	56	50 00	158 00	125 61	227 53		85 75	8 57	411 78	349 55	53 49		
Oriental,	24	Colerain,	Bertie,	Thursday "				3					8	33				112 07		31 50	3 45	146 57	112 07	20 25		
Piedmont,	25	Morganton,	Burke,	Tuesday "																						
North Star,	26	Salisbury,	Rowan,	Tuesday "	1			5				1	8	42	5 00	30 00		132 59		32 25	3 22	189 75	162 50	28 34		
Columbus,	27	Whiteville,	Columbus,	Saturday "																						
Espiranza,	28	Plymouth,	Washington,	Tuesday "									10	28			146 98	75 56		52 92	5 29	199 90	149 98	27 33		
Falling Creek,	29	Rockingham,	Richmond,	Monday "				1					7	25				25 46	25			85 43	85 43	12 81		
Yadkin,	30	Clemonsville,	Davidson,	Tuesday							2		7	19				78 00		15 10	1 51	78 25	78 00	13 21	W. J. McElroy, expelled for being drunk.	
Contentnea,	34	Snow Hill,	Greene,	Thursday "	2	4		5		4			7	13	10 00	15 00	21 06	34 12	2 00	8 00	80	67 96	48 96	8 14		
Howard,	35	Shelby,	Cleveland,	Thursday "	1		2	8		7			5	21	12 00	17 00		159 29	16 75	62 95	6 29	204 95	142 00	27 59		
Salem,	36	Salem,	Forsyth,	Thursday "	6	1		7					9	72	20 00	33 00		309 70	5 25	51 06	5 10	377 95	311 64	52 83		
Olive Branch,	37	Smithfield,	Johnston,	Thursday "	3			2		2	2		4	18	10 00	21 00	54 34	54 34	50	18 11	1 81	103 95	94 70	15 99		
Constantine,	38	Windsor,	Bertie,	Wed'ay. "																						
Lee Dee,	39	Wadesboro,	Anson,	Monday "	5					6	1		1	16	25 00	95 00	181 00	181 00				301 00	301 00	45 15	Martin Sigman, expelled for drunkenness and gambling.	
Catawba,	40	Newton,	Catawba,	Thursday "	2			2		3	5		7	16	10 00			64 00		4 00	40	78 25	74 00	11 50		
Excelsior,	41	Statesville,	Iredell,	Monday "	3	1				5	2		7	40	15 00	56 00		147 87		15 50	4 55	254 37	208 87	35 87		
Brown Creek,	43	White's Store,	Anson,	Wed'ay. "	2						1		5	29	5 00	3 00	130 07	57 00				237 69	223 37	33 51		
Enterprise,	44	Wilson,	Edgecombe,	Saturday "	5	2	3	4	1	2	3		8	45	25 00	36 00	78 89	116 67	12 50	50 90	5 09	240 57	211 07	36 74	Chas. B. Gay, and W. D. Thorn, expelled for drunkenness.	
Clarendon,	45	Wilmington,	N. Hanover,	Wed'ay. "																						
Farmington,	46	Farmington,	Davie,	Thursday "				1					5	19				69 65	25	8 60	86	71 82	69 65	11 29		
Friendship,	47	White Hall,	Wayne,	Saturday "														00								
Palmetto,	48	C. F. College,	Anson,	Tuesday "									2	11			100 00	11 00				11 00	11 00	3 30		
Hardenberg,	49	Germanton,	Stokes,	Monday "	5			8	1	4	2	1	4	25	25 00	57 00	26 00	20 00				128 00	128 00	19 20		
Edgecombe,	50	Tarboro,	Edgecombe,	Tuesday "	8	2		3			1	1	7	43	35 00	142 00	154 50	71 89	13 50	21 40	2 14	335 90	301 00	47 29		
Davie,	51	Mocksville,	Davie,	Wed'ay. "	1	2	1	1			1		3	22	5 00	21 00	84 00	66 30		11 73	1 16	143 52	84 55	13 83		
Carolina,	52	Jamestown,	Guilford,	do. "																						
Monroe,	53	Monroe,	Union,	Tuesday "										5			10 00	1 80					12 00	1 80		
Ezil,	54	Roxboro,	Person,	Saturday "	9		6						4	25	30 00	45 00	1 00	63 00		33 90	3 38	138 00	138 00	24 98		
Marlboro,	55	Marlboro,	Pitt,	Wed'ay. "	4		1						2	11	15 00	34 00	16 40	16 40		12 81	1 28	84 04	71 23	11 96		
Swannanoa,	56	Asheville,	Buncombe,	Thursday "	19	6	2						2	28	190 00	243 00		20 75	12 50			466 25	466 25	69 94		
Hanks,	57	Greenville,	Pitt,	Monday "	18	4						1	1	27	90 00	255 00	54 95	23 90	4 50	34 00	3 40	413 40	398 65	63 19		
Donnahoe,	58	Danbury,	Stokes,	Saturday "	14		1							26	72 50	138 00						210 50	210 50	31 57		
					171	39	25	87	3	102	73	18	319	1548	955 50	1816 25	2692 80	4850 98	376 70	1411 39	140 98	9521 90	8153 37	1362 21		

PROCEEDINGS

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OF

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OF

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A. L. 5856.

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RALEIGH, N. C.,
DECEMBER 1, A. L. 5856, A. D. 1856.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA assembled this evening in the Masonic Hall, at 7 o'clock, and was opened in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master, after prayer, by the Rev. Bro. James Reid, Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

M. W. PLEASANT A. HOLT, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM G. HILL, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM L. BLAKE, " Senior Warden.
" " DANIEL COLEMAN, " Junior " P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, " Treasurer. P. T.
" " WILLIAM T. BAIN, " Secretary.
" " THOMAS J. UTLEY, Assistant " "
Bro. JOAB HIATT, " Senior Deacon.
" JOHN F. HOWLETT, " Junior "
" WILLIS S. THOMPSON, " Sword Bearer.
" JAMES M. PALMER, " Marshal.
" THOMES J. PATRICK, " Pursuivant.
" JAMES S. TERRELL, " Tyler.
" WILLIAM F. COLLINS, Past Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. W. P. Taylor, Joab Hiatt and W. G. Hill, the Committee on Credentials, who, after a careful examination of those submitted to them, reported that the following Lodges were duly represented:

St. John's, No. 1.—E. J. Lutterloh, J. A. Taylor.
Royal White Hunt, No. 2.—J. H. Prince.
Stokes, No. 32.—C. N. White.
Hiram, No. 40.—W. G. Hill, D. Williams, T. M. Betts.
Kilwinning, No. 74.—S. W. Neal.
Eagle, No. 71.—James M. Palmer.
Golden Fleece, No. 74.—W. J. Palmer.
Greensboro', No. 76.—J. F. Howlett, T. J. Patrick, John A. Pritchard.
Sharon, No. 78.—S. E. Millum.
Charity, No. 79.—F. W. Bird.
Mount Moriah, No. 82.—R. P. Campile.
Lafayette, No. 83.—E. W. Fonville.
Fellowship, No. 84.—J. C. Codner.
Western Star, No. 91.—A. Murdoch.
Jerusalem, No. 95.—W. H. Roundtree, C. Cox.
St. John's, No. 96.—S. H. Roundtree.
Fulton, No. 99.—D. A. Davis.
Catawba Valley, No. 100.—J. M. Happoldt, S. C. W. Tate.
Warren, No. 101.—H. Grimes, W. G. Houston.
Columbus, No. 102.—N. S. Gunter, J. C. Dennis, W. P. Taylor.
Perquimans, No. 106—J. M. Cox.
Wentworth, No. 111—James Reid.
Wayne, No. 112—Samuel Loftin.
Holly Springs, No. 115—D. H. Stephenson, J. Rogers.
Germanton, No. 116—E. B. Thurg, W. T. Gannaway.
Mt. Lebanan, No. 117—Joel F. Hill, P. Clarke.
Mt. Hermon, No. 118—A. Murdoch.
W. R. Davie, No. 119—G. Riley, A. C. Hege, J. M. Leach.
Palestine, No. 120—D. A. Davis.

Logan, No. 121—P. N. Wheeler, S. T. Pickens, S. W. D. Causey.

Tuscarora, No. 122—Z. A. Paschall, A. Barker.

Franklinton, No. 123—S. D. Williams, B. Walker.

Siloam, No. 178—William R. Ward, O. Fennell.

Centre Grove, No. 183—Joab Hiatt, P. Adams, R. K Denny.

Johnson Caswell, No. 10—H. J. Macon.

Morning Star, No. 85—S. W. Marshburn, J. R. J. Drake, J. J. Q. A. Taylor.

Caldwell, No. 180—T. C. Belcher.

Beaumont, No. 160—G. E. Brown.

Clinton, No. 124—J. H. Yarboro, D. Young, T. J. Holt.

Sunsbury, No. 126—James Woodward.

Blackner, No. 127—C. W. Wooley, J. R. Livingston.

Hawks, No. 128—R. F. Trogden, T. W. Alred.

Radiance, No. 132—E. Carr, R. N. Forbes, C. H. Harper.

Alamance, No. 133—B. F. Watson.

Mocksville, No. 134.—N. Deaver.

Lincoln, No. 137—L. B. Henderson, Thomas Darling, J. T. Alexander.

King Solomon, No. 138—G. J. Moore,

Mt. Energy, No. 140—B. F. Bullock,

Carolina, No. 141—R Crump.

Cane Creek, No. 142—E. F. Watson.

Mt. Vernon, No. 143—R. B. Paschall.

Taylor, No. 144—J. N. Mann.

Junaluskee, No. 145—A. Murdoch.

Palmyra, No. 147—N. S. Stuart.

Wilson, No. 148—Baxter Cree, M. A. Speer.

Adoniram, No. 149—J. H. Strum.

Scotch Ireland, No. 154—J. G. Ramsey.

White Stone, No. 155—W B. Chamley, B. F. Horton.

Rolesville, No. 156—J. R. Jeffreys, R. E. Harris, H. W. Jones.

Mt. Pleasant, No. 157—W. Thompson, B. Ray.

Emmaus, No. 161—W. P. Taylor.

Winston, No. 167—Joel F. Hill.

Archer, No. 165—T H Avery.

Delk, No. 171—D. A. Askew.
Buffalo, No. 172—D. McIntyre.
Union, No. 173—J. F. Hill.
G. Washington, No. 174—J. G. Williams, W. C. Mason.
Pollockville, No. 175—W. P. Ward.
Mill Creek, No. 125—J. H. Williams, T. D. Sneed.
Concord, No. 58—D. Cobb, E. Cromwell, Wm. S. Long.
St. Johns, No. 3—P. Custis, D. S. Willis.
Belmont, No. 108—J. W. Blount.
Orr, No. 104—Wm. A. Potts.
Franklinton, No. 123—R. C. Maynard.
Marlboro', No. 177—Jas. Joyner.
Perseverance, No. 59—H. W. Gilliam.
Beaumont, No. 160—G. E. Brown.
Wake Forest, No. 97—Jas. S. Ray, Jos. Yeargan.
Jordan, No. 184—Jas. Woodard.
Balfour, (New Lodge) No. 188—A. J. Hale.
Sandy Creek, No. 185—E. A. Gupton, D. Wester, W. Bartholomew.
Phœnix, No. 8—T. J. Patrick.
Knap of Reeds, No. 158—Jno. Peed, D. Tilly.
Stokes, No. 32—E. R. Gibson.
Pleasant Hill, No. 168—W. R. Denny.
Chalmers, No. 151—A. W. Jones, J. H. Farrar.
Taylorsville, No. 189—W. P. Burt.
Central Cross, No. 187—A. Thomas, W. A. Moore.
Layfette, No. 179—R. P. Hancock.
Joseph Warren, No. 92—James P. Edmundson, James F. Daniel.
Yadkin, No. 162—W. H. A. Speer.
Carthage, No. 181—A. R. McDonald, W. B. Richardson.
Shallow Ford, No. 169—T. R. Simpson.

The Grand Master submitted the following Communication, which was read and adopted. When, on motion of the Grand Secretary, it was disposed of in the usual manner, by appointing Bros. W. G. Hill, E. F. Watson, and Thomas J. Patrick, a

Committee to report upon the various subjects, referred to in his Communication :

BRETHREN : Another year has passed, and we have again assembled around the common altar erected to friendship and morality, and to extend to each other our fraternal salutations, and renew our vows to the genius and spirit of Free Masonry. How thankful we should be to the great Author of our being, who has so bountifully bestowed his blessings upon us since our last annual communication. While the political world has been stirred to its depths, and wild fanaticism has swept like a sirocco over our land, threatening for a time, not only the permanency of our political institutions, but the perpetuity of the Union itself. While the sacred atmosphere of the church itself has not been exempt from the poisonous influence of sectional controversy, the old ship of Free Masonry, full freighted with the treasures of four thousand years, has prosperously pursued her voyage, unmoved by the breakers, unchecked by the storm, but guided by the unerring compass of universal benevolence, she is endeavoring faithfully to fulfill the exalted purposes of her mission. Our order is gradually approximating her true position before an enlightened public sentiment. The mists of error are rapidly disappearing before the rising sun of her brilliancy and glory. New recruits among the wise and good are daily enlisting under her banner. Many new Lodges have been organized under Dispensation, old ones have become resuscitated, and are zealous coadjutors in the promotion of her prosperity. The Church no longer regards her as a rival in the affections of her people, but rather an efficient co-loborer in the advance, ment of her principles, and in the promotion of morality. But a short time has elapsed in our history, since the fact being acknowledged in many communities, of a man's affiliation with Masonry, stamped upon him a mark of suspicion. He was regarded as having association with deeds of darkness, if not a closer alliance to the evil one himself. At present, probably in those very localities, it has become a passport to respectability and character.

I have found the labors attendant upon a proper discharge of the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon your Grand Master, oftentimes arduous and perplexing. A constant adherence to our ancient land-marks, and a zealous effort to promote the prosperity of all branches of our Masonic family, has been the ultimate object of all my labors. Influenced by these motives, I have endeavored to adjudicate all questions of doubtful construction submitted for my decision. I have endeavored to reconcile all disturbances, which have arisen among the brethren, agreeably to the morals which Masonry inculcates. In this, I have been more than susta ned by the fraternity, in their ready forbearance towards each others differences, and when properly advised, evinced, by a ready recognition of our ancient usages and customs. Our information, from almost every section of this jurisdiction,

is full of testimonials of our increasing prosperity. I can but exceedingly regret, that a necessary attention to the active duties of an arduous profession has prevented me from visiting as many of the subordinate lodges as I could have desired under more favorable opportunities.

Three active Grand Lecturers have been, however, most of the time in the field, affording ample opportunities for such as desired it, to profit by their instructions. You will receive from themselves a detailed and more satisfactory report of their operations. I find the disposition quite prevalent in the various lodges to reconcile discrepancies, and approximate as nearly as possible to an exact uniformity of work. This can alone be accomplished by securing the services of some one of our Grand Lecturers in Lodge instruction. I would suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of the plan adopted in many jurisdictions, of dividing our State into districts, with a Deputy Grand Master appointed to each. I think this would not only relieve the Grand Master from a great deal of unnecessary labor in correspondence, but would greatly facilitate the business of subordinate lodges by having in their vicinity, a District Deputy Grand Master, who could visit them at intervals, reconcile differences, adjust doubtful constructions of Masonic usage, and harmonize discrepancies in work. From the remote situation of our subordinate lodges as well as the capacity of their increase in numbers, it is impossible that under the existing arrangement, they can all be visited by the Grand Officers. Many troublesome delays, frequently necessarily occur in their business relations, before they can procure a Dispensation to open a Grand Lodge, or transact any business apart from the ordinary routine. This, we think might, by the plan indicated, be, to a great extent, remedied.

From the report of the Agent of St. John's College, it will be found that the fraternity has not responded to our appeal to their liberality with the zeal which was anticipated. The Institution is in progress of erection. It has been embarked by this Grand Lodge upon the sea of experiment as her own legitimate offspring. Its Trustees have become embarrassed for the want of the necessary means to proceed with their operations. Are we willing to look on with indifference at their perplexities, and extend no hand to their assistance? This subject is one which I especially commend to your consideration. Some means must be devised to relieve its embarrassment; or the project abandoned entirely. In the present stringent condition of monetary affairs, it seems impossible to meet the necessary expenditures by voluntary contribution. I would suggest as an alternative, the propriety of endeavoring to negotiate a loan upon as advantageous terms as possible, based upon the real estate of the College as collateral security. Unless this or some other plan be adopted to relieve our difficulties, I see no other hope in the future of St. John's College but an inevitable failure. That alternative we must carefully and prudently determine. If, after having proceeded thus far, we abandon the enterprise, it will be a blot upon our escutcheon which will require years of industry to erase. It will herald to the world

our own imbecility. Are we willing to make the acknowledgment that the fraternity of North Carolina, with their generous hearts, their high intelligence, and numerical strength, their varied resources and abundant means, are unable to erect one single College of character within the State? We are rapidly approximating such a calamity. But, notwithstanding its unpropitious appearance, by a proper co-operation of effort we can make something of it if we will. We can render it a formidable engine for good in our future history, or a perfect incubus to our progress. If the brethren who erected the Temple immortalized their name by their stupendous achievement, why may we not render St. John's College a monument to our liberality more imperishable than brass, and when all the varied benefits are realized by posterity, our children's children will rise up and do honor to our memories. We will then have erected a monument more lasting than the Pyramids, as durable as our own native hills, because it will be embalmed and perpetuated in the safe repository of faithful breasts.

The Committee appointed at our last annual communication to prepare a digest of of the resolutions and regulations now in force, for the purpose of having them printed with the constitution and by-laws, as well as the forms of Masonic trial, discharged the duty assigned them as soon as circumstances permitted. After a careful supervision, I forwarded them to the Grand Secretary, who had them printed and extensively distributed among the subordinate lodges. Much benefit will result from them, as well as many irregularities practiced in Masonic trials corrected. I have been pained to find, in the extended facilities I enjoy of becoming familiar with the internal operations of subordinate lopges, so many records of trial for violation of Masonic duty. This is evidently a difficulty of our own creation. Many young lodges, especially, under the enthusiasm of popular favor, do not sufficiently guard the portals to our inner temple against the introduction of the unworthy. From a misapprehension that numbers promote strength, they are not rigid enough in their investigations of character, and some find ingress, who, ever afterwards prove a constant source of mortification and trouble. Masonry has nothing to fear from adversity if it but remove the dross, and exhibit more fully the beauties of the metal. It is in prosperity alone we are in danger, when under a propulsive efforts to procure proselytes our favors are incautiously bestowed upon the immoral and unworthy, with the falacious hope of effecting a reformation by our association. This is no conjectural danger, but one which the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge fully demonstrates. We are taught to recognize no distinctions but those of character, but that should be an indispensable prerequisite, to admittance to our privileges. He who does not sustain the reputation of a just and upright man before the world, is not worthy to participate in the vows which rest upon us. If he is a drone in society, he will prove a per fect vampire in Masonry.

Two years ago the Grand Lodge, through her College Agent, secured a subscription from many northern merchants, upon consideration of our pro

ceedings becoming an advertising medium for their firms, as well as their introduction to the favorable consideration of the fraternity of our State, in their patronage North. This innovation upon established Masonic usage has elicited the animadversions and strictures of some of our brethren in other States, in no ordinary measured tones. It is not our province nor is this the time, to enter upon a refutation of these allegations, but we think the chairman of the committee of foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, not only transcended the bounds of ordinary propriety, but has seemingly forgotten some of the cardinal principles of our order. The portion of that report, in reference to the action of this Grand Lodge, in that matter, I commend to your consideration and action.

I do hope some ways and means may be devised, to erase this blot from our proceedings. I questioned the propriety of the policy when sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, and would greatly prefer that we should plod along at a snail's pace in poverty, rather than endeavor to soar in borrowed plumage, at the expense of our masonic character. I hope a satisfactory plan may be devised by which this subscription may be refunded, and no evidence exist to the world, that we are willing to compromise our Masonic honor for paltry gold.

Since our last Communication, a circular has been received from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, announcing the death of their Grand Master, W. C. Dawson. We deeply sympathize with that body in the sad bereavement they have sustained in the loss of one of its brightest jewels, and hope they may find many votaries of the art to imitate his virtues, skill, and fidelity to the craft.

A Document of the highest importance to the fraternity has been forwarded us from the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada. It details a multitude of grievances under which they labored, as well as a detail of the various causes, which impelled them to throw off their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. It is a very lengthy paper, and fully and satisfactorily explains itself. We regard it as one of the most important masonic occurrences of modern times. The representatives of forty-one subordinate Lodges in convention assembled, organized and perfected an Independent Grand Lodge. Masonry in that province has been governed by a Provincial Grand Lodge, chartered by the United Grand Lodge of England. Annoying and perplexing difficulties were perpetually arising, from the existence of many Lodges in the Province, holding charters from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. The Brethren having time after time, used entreaty, petition and remonstrance to the parent Grand Lodge, to modify their provincial charter—to remove some of the burdens which were paralyzing their energies—to relieve them of some of the onerous contributions which were draining and impoverishing their treasury. Having appealed in vain for a redress of their grievances—no other alternative remained but to organize in an independent jurisdiction. I hope to see this

Grand Lodge extend her a cordial welcome, and greet her as an equal in the brilliant galaxy of American Grand Lodges.

We have also received a Circular from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, which will likewise be submitted for your consideration, severely censuring this so called schismatic movement. We think, however, that instead of disproving the position taken by the Independent Grand Lodge, it but affords, if possible, an additional argument in the justness of their complaint, and that the causes which forced them to a separation, were only such as would naturally influence an intelligent people to resist oppression.

There are a few irregularities of a local character growing common in Lodge proceedings, to which I desire to direct your attention. A prominent one is, that in very many instances too much haste is exercised in passing candidates through the various degrees. Very frequently, reasons however trifling are interpreted a case of emergency, and the candidate is hurried through the formality of the degree almost without illustration, and his impressions of them are indistinct and unsatisfactory. Before he becomes familiar with the proper uses of the compass and gauge as a master workman, the Trowel is committed to his hands. This is not practically elucidating according to their true intent our symbolic degrees, and no candidate should ever be permitted to pass onward, until he has given satisfactory evidence of a suitable proficiency in the inferior degrees.

Masons are not always sufficiently circumspect in their ordinary relations to each other in society. How often do we find it the case, that brethren in the ordinary assemblages of the Lodge room, apparently work harmoniously, every act seems in strict conformity to the prescribed principles of the order; even the mutual obligations of fraternity and morality, are respected and observed. Let these very brethren emerge from the Lodge, engage in the active pursuits of every day life—how often do we find their masonic vows forgotten, and they as men and citizens, engaging in bickerings and strife, and enacting scenes of hostility towards each other, not only derogatory to their masonic character, but disreputable as men. These irregularities doubtless, frequently originate from a want of proper admonition and instruction; they nevertheless are of frequent occurrence, and demand prompt and efficient remedies for their removal. This can alone be accomplished, by Lodges exercising a strict surveilance over the irregularities of its members, raising its standard of moral excellence in strict conformity to our ancient Landmarks, and permit no modern innovation to change them.

The most prominent danger which seems likely to threaten the perpetuity of our Institution, is the unprecedented rapidity of its increase, that it may lose its own identity iu the modernisms incorporated from other organizations, somewhat similar in design. The surest prevention agains the dangerous influencos of these subtle poisons is to imbibe alone from the pure fountain of our order—familiarize ourselves with her Ancient Constitutions—garner up profitable instruction from the exhaustless treasures of

our own literature. The last few years have made most important and valuable additions to masonic lore. Journals full of profitable wisdom are scattered broadcast over our country, the energy and indomitable enterprise of recent times has rendered a Masonic library accessible to almost every member of the fraternity. Every Lodge should uot only endeavor to accumulate a Library of Masonic works, for the improvement of its members, but should subscribe for one of the many valuable Masonic periodicals, so easily and cheaply obtained. How soon such a policy as this among subordinates, would tell upon the increased intelligence of the fraternity.

An increasing disposition in many portions of this jurisdiction is manifesting itself, in an effort to unnecessarily multiply Lodges. This does not always accomplish the purpose intended. Where too much crowded no good results follow. Under the pressure of popular favor they may increase their members in number. but not promote the strength of the Lodge. A species of rivalry is engendered, and persons who under ordinary circumstances, would not have been tolerated, are permitted to enter. During their novelty they may grow and flourish temporarily, but a single blast of disappointment nips all their hopes and they fall to rise no more. This is the prolific source of the forfeiture of so many Charters. Subordinate Lodges should be especially careful in their recommendations for Dispensation. Be satisfied in the first place that the petitioners are worthy master masons, proficients in the art, aud whether the opening of a new Lodge at the place designated, will permanently advance the cause of Masonry. A little attention to this matter will generally ultimately prove of important practical benefit.

Brethren we have assembled under flattering auspices this evening.—Coming together in friendly counsel from the mountains to the seaboard—greeting each other as brothers, volunteers under the same broad banner of morality and philanthropy, let us consider that we are responsible, individually and collectively, for the result and influences of our present deliberations. Let us endeavor to diffuse from this Grand Lodge, influences calculated to elevate the position of our order in public confidence. May no discordant element intrude itself into our counsels—no selfish purpose influence our motives. But may every representative, assembled on this deeply interesting occasion, unite heart and hand, as citizens, patriots and Masons, in the same exalted purpose of rendering North Carolina Masonry what all desire to see her as a State, one of the brightest gems that adorns the brilliant galaxy of the Union.

P. A. HOLT.

The Committee on Repairs, and for purchasing Regalia for the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, to procure new Regalia for its officers, and to have the necessary repairs and improvements made to the Gr. Lodge's Building—ask leave to report that they have discharged the duty assigned them. The Regalia they purchased at New York, for the sum of $334 50 cents; and the Repairs, Improvements, &c., were completed for the sum of $628 81 cents; maming the whole amount expended, $963 31 cents, which has been paid by the Grand Treasurer, and the bills are in his possession, and can be examined by the committee appointed to audit his Books, &c.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HILL,
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS.

The Grand Secretary submitted his Report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The clock of time in its regular and undisturbed revolvings and windings, has again brought around the season of the year, in which you have been accustomed to assemble in Grand Communication. Suffer me to congratulate you on the favorable circumstances under which you have met, to deliberate on the various subjects which may be submitted for your consideration.

Nothing of much importance has transpired in my department during the present year which is fast hastening to a close, and will soon be numbered with the years gone by. Those Lodges which have been organized by Dispensations during the year, will, I presume, petition for, and receive Charters. Their names can be ascertained by a reference to the Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, and our Sister Grand Lodges of the States and Territories, with those of the Canadas, have been supplied with the usual copies of onr proceedings of last year.

I have also supplied the Subordinates with the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Grand Lodge, a form of Returns and Representation, and a Resolution of your Most Worshipful body, proposing to change the present mode of electing the Grand Master.

I have received from the Subordinate Lodges, and paid to our faithful and efficient Grand Treasurer, Bro. C. W. D. Hutchings, the sum of $1691 50, for wnich I have his receipt, and hold in my hands a balance of $7 95, which I have placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge for postage purposes.

Brother William C. Doub, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in obedience with a requirement of the Grand Lodge, furnished me with a copy of his Report which I have had printed, and it is in readiness for the perusal of your Body.

I continue to receive the fraternal interchange of the proceedings of our Sister Grand Lodges, which will be placed in the hands of the Committee to be appointed to examine and report upon their contents at the proper time.

At your last annual Communication, I was requested to purchase a copy of the Masonic Library, published by Bro. Robert Morris, a distinguished member of our Fraternity of the State of Kentucky, which duty, I have in obedience thereto, discharged, and I have in my possession 16 volumes of that valuable work, from which a large fund of Masonic knowledge may be obtained, from a careful perusal of its contents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, *Grand Sec.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

C. W. D. Hutchings, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Dec. 1, 1856. Amount of cash balance on settlement with last Annual Committee, - -	$269 47
Amount of cash received through the hands of the Grand Secretary, from Dec. 4th, 1855, to Dec. 1st, 1856, inclusive, - - - - - -	1,691 50
Making the sum of - - - - - -	1,960 97
W. C. Doub's Note, - - - - - -	90 00
	$2,050 97

1855.

Dec. 7.	Cash paid	C. H. Jordan, - -	$14 00
	"	Jos. Green, - - -	20 00
	"	W. K. Blake. - -	17 00
	"	W. C. Doub, - - -	27 00
	"	Seaton Gales, - -	4 50
	"	W. T. Bain, - -	200 00
	"	W. P. Taylor, - -	12 50
	"	John Scott, - - -	13 00
	"	J. S. Seawell, - -	44 50
	"	" - - -	9 65
	"	P. F. Pescud, - -	8 05
	"	Holden & Wilson, - -	3 75
	"	James McKimmon, -	1 00
	"	Beckwith & Clayton, -	9 90
	"	Briggs & Dodd, - -	15 55
	"	P. F. Pescud, - -	3 15
	"	W. C. Doub, - -	260 00
	"	City Tax on Hall - -	5 50
	"	Regalia, - - -	331 00
	"	Expenses on Regalia, -	3 50
	"	Charles Palmer, -	70 95
	"	Haden & Whitlock, -	148 25
	"	W. T. Bow, - -	10 00

Cash paid W. Watson,	- -	70 00
" McGee & Willirms,	-	24 00
" W. H. & R. S. Tucker,		6 55
" D. C. Murray,	- -	1 35
" J. S. Terrel,	- - -	40 85
" H. L. Evans,	- -	2 75
" Williams & Haywood,	-	194 13
" Hutchings' Bill,	-	8 00
" O. P. Copeland,	- -	15 00
" Miss Wilhite,	- - -	7 50
" Briggs & Dodd,	- -	39 18
Five per cent commission on $1,691 50		83 00
		$1,725 16
Amount brought forward to balance,		325 81
		$2,050 97

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Treasurer.

The Grand Lecturer's Report was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina:

RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER: Permit me to render to you, and through you to the Honorable Grand Lodge, the following report of my labors during the past Masonic year.

I have visited the following Lodges, viz: Nos. 59, 90, 92, 104, 131, 147, 166, and 182, and gave them such instruction as they required in the several degrees.

Wherever I have gone I have been warmly and fraternally greeted by the Brethren, whose kindness I shall long remember; and so far as I am able to judge, my instructions have been received in the true spirit of Masonry.

I regret that business of an imperative nature, prevents my meeting with the Grand Lodge during its present session.

Most respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. DUNKLEY, *G. L.*

Raleigh, November 27th, A. L., 1856.

On motion of Bro. William P. Taylor, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to elect the Grand Officers, on to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

On motion of Bro. J. M. Happoldt, it was

Resolved, That all transient brethren of good standing who may be in this City, be invited to attend the meetings of the present Communication.

The following Committees were appointed.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Bros. Dan'l. Coleman, Alex. Murdock, W. R. Ward.

On Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges.—Bros. W. K. Blake, C. W. Wolly, W. S Thompson.

Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge.—Bros. R. B. Paschall, B. Clegg, W. S. Gunter.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Bros. W. P. Taylor, E. B. King, D. A. Davis.

On Grand Secretary's Books and Report.—Bros. W. P. Tay- W. G. Hill, Thos. J. Utley.

On Education.—Bros. B. Clegg, J. M. Happoldt, and Danl. Coleman.

On Grand Treasurer's Accounts.—Bros. Joab Hiatt, T. J. Holt, Jas. M. Palmer.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, }
December 2, 1856. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

PRESENT:

M. W.	PLEASANT A. HOLT,	Grand Master.
R. W.	Z. M. PASCHALL, Dep.	" P. T.
"	REV. BRO. JAS. REID,	" Chaplain.
"	WILLIAM K. BLAKE,	" Sr. Warden.
"	E. J. LUTTERLOH,	" Jr. "
"	C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,	" Treasurer.
"	WILLIAM THOS. BAIN,	" Secretary.
"	WILLIAM H. BEATTY,	" Sr. Deacon.
Brother	J. F. HOWLETT,	" Jr. "
"	WILLIS S. THOMPSON,	" Sw'd. Bearer.
"	JAMES M. PALMER,	" Marshal.
"	THOS. J. PATRICK,	" Pursuivant.
"	JAMES S. TERRELL,	" Tyler.

Bros. H. J. Macon, Alex. Murdock, and Willis S. Thompson, were appointed a Committee *pro tem.* on Credentials.

The Committee on the alternate meetings of the Grand Lodge, submitted their report which was read, and the same was laid on the table.

The Historical Committee made their annual report which was read and adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Historical Committee Report that it has not been able to procure printed proceedings for 1812, 13, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 30, 38, 43, 44, and will be under obligations to any one who will forward those numbers to James Banks, Fayetteville.

The Chairman of said Committee regrets that pressing private engagements, have prevented the prosecution of the duty committed to his care as fully as he could have desired. Still

he has done something towards its completion, and hopes to be able to report the completion of some few chapters, ere your body can again convene.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES BANKS.

Fayetteville, Nov. 26, 1856.

Bro. F. M. Capehart's report was read and adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

At the close of this Masonic year it becomes necessary for me to render to this Honorable body a statement of my proceedings. I have visited and instituted the following Lodges, viz : Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2 ; Unanimity Lodge, No. 7 ; Sharon Lodge, No. 78 ; Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92 ; Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95 ; St. John's Lodge, No. 96 ; Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117 ; Conahoe Lodge, No. 131 ; Radiance Lodge, No. 132 ; and Marlboro' Lodge, No. 177, all of which I found working rather badly, but left them in a sound and healthy condition. And I must here say that those Lodges that I have visited, are composed of such men as will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, (with very few exceptions.) In the part of the State in which I have traveled, the Order is in a very flourishing condition, and the members manifest a great disposition for "more light." There has been in the bodies which I have visited, some over one hundred and thirty members added, all of which, I believe to be *good* men and *true*. In the early part of the year I received a communication from our Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Bain, requesting me to visit Hall Lodge, No. 53, and Sharon Lodge, No. 78, to ascertain why they had not made their reports and paid up their dues. I immediately addressed a letter to each of these Lodges, and was informed by Hall Lodge that they had not had a meeting for 18 months, but were very anxious to get to work again, and requested me to give them the necessary information how they should proceed to get to work, which information I gave them, and have heard nothing from them since. I also received a let-

ter from Sharon Lodge, No. 78, informing me that they still continued to hold their meetings regularly, but were anxious for more light, and wished me to come and lecture them, which I did, and was informed by the Worthy Master that their neglect in complying with the Laws of the Grand Lodge, was through no disrespect to the Grand Lodge, but from circumstances almost unavoidable on their part. During the present year, I have collected the following amounts on the subscriptions for St. John's College, in my possession, viz: Bryant Burnett, $25; T. W. Ward, $15; H. L. Williams, $25: making in all, only $65, which amounts I have paid over to the Brother authorized to receive the same. There are some subscribers on these petitions who refuse to pay their subscriptions. And, in conclusion, permit me to say that wherever I have visited I have been treated with the greatest degree of kindness and fraternal regard by the Brethren, and have been much pleased with the zeal and ardent desire for instruction exhibited by the Brethren. Should I be favored with the appointment of Lecturer this coming year, I will endeavor to visit those dormant Lodges in the eastern part of the State, to ascertain what their condition is.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

F. M. CAPEHART, *G. L.*

Bro. Alexander Murdoch's report was read and adopted.

Most Worshipful P. A. Holt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina:

Since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I have had the pleasure of visiting and instructing the following Lodges, viz; Hilwinaring Lodge, No. 64; Mount Moriah, No. 92; Mount Hermin, No. 118; Blackmer, No. 127; Junaluskee, No. 145; and Cherokee, No. 146. I have also visited Hanks Lodge, No. 128, and Carolina Lodge, No. 141.

In January last I opened Balfour Lodge, in Ashboro', and have visited and instructed it since then. The Order there is in good hands, and all the members will, I am sure, reflect honor on our institution.

Every where I have been the brethren seem to have taken "Onward" as their motto, and are determined that the Genius of Masonry shall not implore them in vain to protect the cherished principles of her Institution. Some difficulties have arisen in several Lodges from a misunderstanding of Masonic Law, but I am happy to inform you that they have all been satisfactorily settled. Several Lodges that have requested my assistance, I have not been able to attend, owing to previous engagements. I hope they will consider this a sufficient excuse.

In closing, permit me to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the different Lodges that I have visited, for their kindness and hospitality. Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER MURDOCH.

The Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College was read, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Bros. J. M. Happoldt, Baxter Clegg, John A. Taylor, of Wilmington, Wm. H. Beatty, and James Reid.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Trustees of St. John's College beg leave to make the following communication to this most worshipful body, as their report of the progress and interests of that institution, since the last meeting of this Grand Lodge.

They respectfully submit that in all things appertaining to the interest of the College, they have endeavored to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge, so far as the same had been made to appear; but in most matters of importance, they have been compelled to assume the responsibility of acting upon their own judgment, and they sincerely hope that the result of their endeavors may meet the approbation of this body, and be favorable to the interests of the College.

The time is near at hand when the building will be completed, and when this most worshipful body will, together with the Masonic fraternity throughout the State, assemble to perform the ceremonies incumbent upon its completion, the 24th of June, 1857, a period which has been looked to with more than ordinary interest by all Masons, ane with profound anxiety by the

Masons of North Carolina. It will be an event unprecedented in the Masonic history of this State, and in its humane and benevolent designs will be without a parallel.

The College building has so far progressed as to show the beauty of its exterior, and the convenience of its internal arrangement, and during its progress, the materials and workmanship of which it is composed, have been under the supervision and inspection of the following building committee: Bros. Z. M. Paschall, R. P. Taylor, and J. R. Herndon.

The brick used have been pronounced of the best quality, and workmanship equally good. The wood-work, also, will doubtless be completed at the time agreed.

The Trustees are qualified in the assurance that they are engaged in an enterprise destined to be productive of good to the Order, and in the success of which, both the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter manifest so deep an interest, and they are encouraged to hope that the most sanguine expectations of its friends will be realized, in its dispensations of charity, and that it may become a neuclus around which Masonry shall flourish in all its beauty, shedding the fruits of virtue, morality, and benevolence.

In regard to the finances of the Institution, the Trustees have endeavored to pay to the contractors for the building, the several instalments as they became due; but, in this, they regret to say, that they have not succeeded; and that, while many who have subscribed to, and were in other respects indebted to, the College, have paid with commendable promptness, there are some who have deferred payment to such an extent as to cause surprise by this neglect of their obligations. Such delinquency has been the cause of the present financial embarrassment of the College, and consequently a loss of confidence by some of its friends, and disaffection on the part of others, while there are ample means to meet its liabilities, if they could be made available. As an evidence of this, the first four instalments amounting to $7,200, was paid with comparative ease; and the three installments which have fallen due this year, amounting only to $5,200 have not been paid. Whether this delay indicates a

want of interest in the College, or results from any other cause, it is equally a subject of inconvenience and regret.

The Agents in the employ of the Board of Trustees, have accomplished but little, compared with what was expected of them at a time when means were most needed; but the reports of Bro. R. C. Mainard, the traveling agent of the College, and of Bro. L. A. Paschall, the Agent for the County of Granville, will disclose more fully the extent and success of their operations. The same are recommended to your inspection.

It was deemed advisable to have other Agents in the field, and Bro. J, T. Littlejohn and Z. K. Paschall were appointed a Committee to employ them; but they had not succeded in doing so at the time of their last report.

Though the success of our agents has not equalled our expectations, yet our friends should not be discouraged, as time and much labor is requisite in the accomplishment of every great enterprise; besides, we have some other resources upon which we may rely, should necessity force us to avail ourselves of them.

These would be, to sell the lots (which are a considerable number,) adjacent to the College grounds, and which should be put in market at a proper time, would doubtless prove valuable. Their management and disposition have been given to a Committee composed of Bros. L. A. Paschall, R. P. Taylor, and Z. M. Paschall, in the soundness of whose judgment we have the utmost confidence; and believe they will obtain their full value in the sale of them.

In pursuance of a recommendation of the Grand Lodge, that the President of the Board of Trustees, should procure from one to three thousand lithograph prints of the College Building, he reports that he visited Baltimore in October last, and made all necessary enquiries preparatory to the wish of the Grand Lodge. Messrs. Hoen & Co., were recommended to him as being well skilled in their profession, and reliable as to the performance of their contracts. The statement of the work and their terms are appended to this report, and any direction the Grand Lodge may think proper to give, he will have pleasure in

superintending its execution. He has no doubt that the copies lithographed will readily sell, and more than pay the expense of their execution in a short time; and, but for the scarcity of funds in the Treasury, he would have contracted for the work while in Baltimore, and had it forthwith executed.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. LASSITER,
President of the Board of Trustees.

The Report of the Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of St. John's College, was read and adopted:

The Committee to examine and report upon the books of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for St. John's College, beg leave to submit the following:

1852.				
February	To Cash of Grand Secretary,		40 00	
"	"	Grand Treasurer,	333 64	
"	"	Treasurer of Hiram Lodge,	3 50	
"	"	R. W. Lassiter,	1 00	
"	"	John Bullock's subscription,	10 00	
"	"	R. P. & Archibald Taylor,	40 00	
"	"	P. W. Archer,	605 60	1033 74
March	"	"	3 00	
"	"	Jas. E. Allen, subscription	20 00	
"	"	L. C. Taylor, subscription,	20 00	
"	"	Charles H. K. Taylor,	20 00	
"	"	Jas. C. Cooper,	60 00	
"	"	R. J. Mitchell & Co.	10 00	
"	"	R. N. & D. C. Herndon,	100 00	
"	"	R. B. Gilliam,	10 00	
"	"	Wilson M. Barford,	5 00	
"	"	John S. Eaton,	20 00	
"	"	Jas. S. Amis,	10 00	378 00
"	"	Samuel Duty,	5 00	
"	"	A. F. Spencer,	20 00	
"	"	Z. M. Paschall,	20 00	
"	"	Wyatt Canaday,	5 00	
"	"	John Blacknall,	10 00	
"	"	Anderson Chavis,	3 00	
"	"	L. C. Edwards,	5 00	
"	"	Thomas L. Williams,	5 00	
"	"	P. P. Pearce,	10 00	
"	"	R. W. Lassiter,	20 00	103 00

1852. March	To cash of B. F. Bullock,	20 00		
"	" Joseph H. Gooch,	20 00		
"	" E. H. Hicks,	20 00		
"	" Thomas C. Hicks,	20 00		
"	" L. A. Paschall,	20 00		
"	" L. A. Paschall & Co.,	40 00		
"	" John R. Herndon,	20 00	160	00
"	" Edward T. Marrible,	20 00		
"	" W. W. Young,	80 00		
April	" William T. Bain,	20 00		
"	" D. S. Osborn,	5 00		
May	" Wm. T. Bain,	20 00		
"	" John C. Taylor,	30 00		
"	" Thomas Miller,	30 00		
"	" John A. Downey,	20 00		
"	" Titus T. Grundy,	20 00		
"	" James Gouch,	10 00		
"	" T. B. Venable,	20 00		
"	" James M. Bullock,	20 00		
"	" Order on Z. M. Paschall,	159 00		
"	" Leakville Lodge, by T. Venable,	20 00	474	00
			2,048	74

The above amount of $2,048 74, was received by R. P. Taylor, while acting as Treasurer, and was by him disbursed as follows:

1852		Disbursements by R. P. Taylor, Treasurer—			
February	13	By note on William F. Collins,	50 00		
March	2	By cash paid E. H. Hicks,	950 00		
"	4	" "	531 70		
May	4	" "	295 00		
Dec.	28	" " per order,	159 00		
		Cash for book,		62½	
		Commissions as Treasurer,	93	41½	2,079 74
		Amount of Receipts,			2,048 74
		Amount due R. P. Taylor, Treasurer,			31 00

Amounts received by Z. M. Paschall, Treasurer:

1853. May 12.	To cash of A. Landis,	20 00		
	" R. N. & D. C. Herndon,	100 00		
	" John R. Herndon,	20 00		
	" L. C. Taylor,	20 00	160	00

1853.	To cash of	R. B. Gilliam,	10 00	
	"	L. A. Paschall,	20 00	
	"	R. W. Lassiter,	20 00	
	"	William R. Hicks,	6 00	
	"	P. P. Pearce,	10 00	
	"	Wilson M. Burford,	5 00	71 00
	"	John Blacknall,	10 00	
	"	Thomas H. Raney,	40 00	
	"	E. H. Hicks,	20 00	
	"	Thomas C. Hicks,	20 00	
	"	Thomas L. Williams,	5 00	
	"	William V. Paschall,	20 00	
	"	William R. Hicks,	6 00	
	"	Grand Chapter,	100 00	
	"	S. J. Pearson,	5 00	
	"	Perseverance Lodge,	100 00	326 60
	"	Wake Forest Lodge,	50 00	
	"	Brother Dupree,	4 00	
	"	Radiance Lodge,	50 00	
	"	E. J. Lutterloh,	10 00	
1854. March 10	"	Oxford Chapter,	50 00	
	"	Jas. H. Horner, (house rent,)	100 00	
	"	R. W. Lassiter,	1,000 00	
	"	Grand Treasurer,	1,200 00	2,464 00
	"	John C. Taylor,	30 00	
	"	James M. ck,	40 00	
	"	L. A. Paschall,	20 00	
	"	T. L. Hargrove,	10 00	
	"	P. P. Pearce,	10 00	
	"	Thomas L. Williams,	5 00	
	"	Samuel L. Venable,	25 00	
	"	Wyatt Canaday,	15 00	3,176 00
	"	James S. Amis,	20 00	
	"	C. H. R. Taylor,	20 00	
	"	R. B. Gilliam,	10 00	
August	"	D. S. Wilkerson	10 00	
September	"	John S. Eaton,	80 00	
	"	Archibald Taylor,	20 00	
December	"	R. C. Mainard, (Agent)	842 25	
	"	Perseverance Lodge,	100 00	
	"	Wake Forest Lodge,	25 00	1,127 25
	"	R. C. Maynard, (Agent,)	757 75	
1855. March	"	" "	400 00	
"	"	Thomas H. Raney,	36 20	
April	"	L. A. Paschall, (Agent,)	187 20	1,381 15

April	To cash of L. A. Paschall, Agent,	58 50		
"	" " "	94 50		
June	" A. Martin, (on bond)	100 00		
"	" Grand Chapter,	200 00		
"	" L. A. Paschall, (Agent,)	621 00		
"	" " "	144 00	1,118	09
July	" " "	153 90		
August	" " "	63 00		
October	" Grand Treasurer	1,000 00		
"	" Thomas H. Raney,	23 80		
November	" J. H. Horner, (house rent, '54)	140 00		
"	" " " '55	150 00		
"	" " " '56	100 00		
"	" L. A. Paschall, (Agent,)	278 00		
"	" R. W. Lassiter, (on bond,)	160 00	2,068	70
"	" A. T. Jenkins, (on bond,)	200 00		
"	" Tuscarora Lodge,	65 00		
December	" Logan Lodge, No. 121,	250 00		
"	" Perseverance Lodge,	100 00		
"	" St. John's Lodge, No. 3,	100 00		
"	" Samuel Bishop,	10 00		
"	" E. F. Smallwood,	50 00	775	00
"	" J. D. Whitford,	25 00		
"	" Levi Stern,	10 00		
"	" J. D. Flanner,	10 00		
"	" D. S. Willis,	10 00		
"	" Stokes Lodge, No. 32,	50 00		
"	" Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95,	75 00		
"	" Collected by F. M. Capehart	140 00		
"	" Palestine Lodge, No. 120,	100 00		
"	" Mocksville Lodge, No. 134,	200 00	620	00
"	" C. H. Jordan, (on bond)	40 00		
"	" R. P. Taylor,	31 00		
"	" Alamance Lodge,	20 00		
1856. Jan.	" L. A. Paschall, (Agent,)	414 00		
March	" Perquimans Lodge,	200 00		
May	" R. C. Mainard. (Agent,)	300 00		
July	" Perquimans Lodge,	100 00	1,105	00
			$11,471	10

Disbursements by Z. M. Paschall, Treasurer.

1853. May 24.	By cash paid James T. Littlejohn,	13 00	
" "	Wm. Daws.	2 00	15 00

	Cash paid	E. H. Hicks,	300	00		
	"	" "	6	00		
1854. Feb.	"	" L. B. Lemay,	8	51		
May	"	" T. B. Venable,	400	00		
	"	" "	1,000	00		
	"	" "	1,200	00		
	"	" "	7	27	2,921	78
Sept.	"	" Seaton Gales,	2	25		
Dec.	"	" R. C. Mainard,	757	75		
1855. Jan.	"	" T. J. Holt,	12	00		
"	"	" Freight on plan of building,		50		
Feb.	"	" W. G. Butler, plan and specf.	65	00		
	"	" Wilmington Herald adv.	4	50		
	"	" Postage on Letters,		10		
April	"	" T. J. Holt, 1st instalment	900	00		
"	"	" John Berry, "	900	00		
May	"	" Postage on Circular letter,	3	75		
June	"	" Wm. A. Philpot, for Music,	69	50		
July	"	" W. D. Cooke, for printing,	4	00		
	"	" Postage on letters,		18	2,719	53
	"	" T, J. Holt, 2nd installment,	900	00		
August	"	" John Berry, 2d "	550	00		
September	"	" Holden & Wilson, adv.	1	75		
"	"	" J. D. Hyman, adv.	2	00		
"	"	" John Berry, 2d instalment,	100	00		
October	"	" T. J. Holt, 3d "	500	00		
"	"	" John Berry, 2d & 3d instal.	500	00		
November	"	" T. J. Holt, 3d instalment,	300	00		
"	"	" Postage on letters,		48		
"	"	" John Berry, 3d instalment	650	00		
"	"	" T. J. Holt, 3d instalment,	100	00		
December	"	" John Berry, 4th instalment,	450	00		
"	"	" Postage on Smith's Address,		69		
"	"	" T. J. Holt, 5th instalment,	500	00		
"	"	" Balance due R. P. Taylor, Tr.	31	00	4,585	02
1856. January	"	" T. C. & E. H. Hicks,	1	32		
February	"	" Seaton Gales,	18	00		
March	"	" T. J. Holt, 4th installment,	400	00		
"	"	" A. Landis, Clerk,	3	20		
April	"	" John Berry, 4th instalment,	312	50		
May	"	" " " "	137	50		
July	"	" " 5th "	150	00		
August	"	" T. J. Holt, 5th "	150	00		
"	"	" Daniel Degroth,	20	00	1,192	52
					$11,434	75

Amount of Receipts, - - - - - - - -	11,471 10
Amount disbursed, - - - - - - - - -	11,434 75
Balance in hand of Treasurer,	$36 35

The above is subject to such remuneration as the Board may allow the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. LITTLEJOHN,
Z. M. PASCHALL,
T. L. HARGROVE. } Com.

The Treasurer of Saint John's College made his report which was adopted:

Z. M. Paschall, Treasurer, in account with St. John's College:

RECEIPTS.

1855.	December 1,	To cash balance in hand, Dec. 1		39 06
	" 6,	"	Logan Lodge, No. 121,	250 00
	"	"	Perseverance Lodge, No. 59,	100 00
	"	"	St. John's College, No. 3,	100 00
	"	"	Samuel Bishop,	10 00
	"	"	E. F. Smallwood,	50 00
	"	"	J. D. Whitford,	25 00
	"	"	Levi Stern,	10 00
	"	"	J. D. Fleimer,	10 00
	"	"	D. S. Willis,	10 00
	"	"	Stokes Lodge, No. 32,	50 00
	"	"	Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95,	75 00
	"	"	Collected by F. M. Capeheart	140 00
	"	"	Palestine Lodge, No. 120,	100 00
	"	"	Mocksville Lodge, No. 134,	200 00
	"	"	C. H. Jordan on bond,	40 00
	"	"	R. P. Taylor's subscription,	31 00
	"	"	Adaniram Lodge,	20 00
1856.	January	"	L. A. Paschall, Agent,	414 00
	March 31,	"	Perquimans Lodge,	200 00
	May 12,	"	R. C. Mainard, Agent,	300 00
	July 21,	"	Perquimans Lodge,	100 00
Total amount of receipts, - - - - - - -				$2,274 06
Amount of disbursements, - - - - - - -				2,174 21
Balance in hand December 2d, 1856, - - - - -				99 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

1855.	December 8,	By cash to John Berry, 4th instalment,		450 00
	" 28,	"	Postage on Smith's Address,	69
	" 31,	"	T. J. Holt, 4th instalment,	500 00
	" 31	"	R. P. Taylor,	31 00
1856.	January 30,	"	T. C. & E. H. Hicks,	1 32
	February 26,	"	Seaton Gales,	18 00
	March 4,	"	T. J. Holt, 4th instalment,	400 00
	" 12,	"	A. Landis, Clerk,	3 20
	April 11,	"	John Beery, 4th instalment	312 00
	May 12.	"	" "	137 50
	July 22,	"	" 5th instalment,	150 00
	August 21,	"	T. J. Holt, "	150 00
	October 13,	"	Daniel Degrottee,	20 00
				$2,174 21

The subscription in bonds are reported by the Treasurer at the last Communication, are still in his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. M. PASCHALL, *Treasurer.*

L. A. Paschall Agent for Granville County, in Account with Treasurer of St. John's College.

1855	To cash of James C. Cooper	$60 00
	" John W. Hendren	60 00
	" Jos. H. Gooch,	20 00
	" H. Freeman	10 00
	" W. B. Gilliam	20 00
	" W. J. Mitchell, & Co.	10 00
	" L. C. Edwards	10 00
	" W. R. Hicks	18 00
		$208 00
	Commission off,	20 80
Cash paid Dr. Z. M. Paschall, Treasurer,		$188 20
	To cash of J. G. & H. C. Herndon	$25 00
	" L. A. Paschall	40 00
		$65 00
	Commission off,	6 50
By cash paid Treasurer, 25th October, 1855,		$58 50

To cash of Isaac H. Davis		$25 00
"	John Bullock	10 00
"	John J. Speed	50 00
"	Arch'd. Taylor	20 00
		$105 00
	Commission off	10 50
By cash paid Treasurer, May 1855,		$94 50
To cash of Jos. H. Gooch		20 00
"	A. Landes	20 00
"	R. P. Taylor	40 00
"	Wm. V. Paschall,	30 00
"	R. J. Mitchell, & Co.	10 00
"	E. H. Hicks	60 00
To cash of R. Kingsbury & Son		120 00
"	John Blacknall	30 00
"	Alex. Hopkins	20 00
"	R. N. Herndon	250 00
"	John C. Taylor	90 00
		690 00
	Commission off	69 00
By cash paid Treasurer, 27th June, 1855,		$621 00
To cash of Jas. C. Cooper		60 00
"	T. T. Grandy	40 00
"	S. G. & H. C. Herndon	25 00
"	B. F. Bullock	35 00
		$160 00
	Commission off	16 00
By cash paid Treasurer, 9th July, 1855,		$144 00
To cash of Thos. L. Williams		$5 00
"	Dr. P. P. Pearce	10 00
"	Dr. White	10 00
"	Col. W. Horner	1 00
"	John Webb	20 00
"	Col. W. W. Young	100 00
"	James Cooper	20 00
"	B. B. Hester	5 00
		171 00
	Commission off	17 10
By cash paid Treasurer, 21st July, 1855,		$153 9

To cash of. C H. R. Taylor		60 00
"	Thos. L. Williams	5 00
"	H. W. Jones	5 00
		70 00
	Commission off,	7 00
By cash paid Treasurer 7th August 1856		$63 00
To cash of James A. Amis		$20 00
"	Thomas Miller	50 00
"	Dr. Willis Lewis	25 00
"	Edward. T. Marable	20 00
"	Dr. L. C. Taylor	38 00
"	D. L. Osbone	20 00
"	A. Landis	10 00
"	S. G. & H. C. Herndon	25 00
"	R. Kingsbury & Son	90 00
		298 00
	Commission off	29 80
By cash paid Treasurer 12th Nov. 1855		$268 20
To cash of T. C. & E. H. Hicks		160 00
"	L. C. Edwards	10 00
"	J. C. Cooper	60 00
"	H. Hammer	50 00
"	R. N. & L. C. Herndon	50 00
"	Richard. P. Taylor	40 00
"	R. Kingsbury & Son	90 00
		460 00
	Commission off	46 00
By cash paid Treasurer Jan'y. 1856		$414 00

L. A. PASCHALL, *Agent.*

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee that was entrusted, at the last session of your honorable body, with the duty of examining and reporting upon the communications of such grand bodies as have saluted us with their annual greetings, beg leave to report, that they have received and examined, as carefully as their opportunity would

permit, the proceedings of the following grand lodges, viz: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and from the grand chapters of Ohio and Indiana.

The committee are happy to inform your most honorable body that a spirit of peace and harmony, more general than has heretofore existed, now prevails throughout the extended jurisdiction exercised by these several grand bodies, and that whilst there may be a few questions, of no very general importance, that form the subjects of discussion between several of our sister grand lodges, yet they are handled in a manner that shows that our brethren generally are not disposed to stir up strife, or cause any breach among the members of the fraternity. Masons are but men, of like passions and prejudices with other men, and it is but reasonable to suppose that disagreements and differences of opinion will arise between individual members as well as grand bodies. But as Masons are under peculiar obligations to each other, it can but be supposed that they will examine, discuss and settle their difficulties, in that spirit of harmony and brotherly love that should make all mankind, and especially brother masons, firm in the right, but courteous and conciliatory in their disposition and demeanor towards each other. We do not propose to discuss any of these various questions that have been agitated within the jurisdiction of our sister grand lodges, because no very serious difficulties have arisen from them; nor do we conceive that an expression of opinion either from this grand lodge or from the committee, has been required or is even desired by any of our sister grand lodges.—As no good could result, in the estimation of your committee, from the discussion of questions that are really of minor import, and when examined carefully into are found to contain no very substantial disagreement, your committee decline entering into it, but prefer rather to call the attention of the brethren to a few points suggested by the perusal of the proceedings of our

sister grand lodges, that may be of some interest and profit to the lodges under this grand jurisdiction.

Before proceeding to the main object of this report, the committee would beg leave to state, that it is well known to this grand lodge, that within the jurisdiction of several of our sister grand lodges, very serious and alarming difficulties have heretofore existed, growing out of a conflict of jurisdiction between these grand lodges and foreign bodies that claimed an equal and concurrent jurisdiction with them within their own limits. All the varied and conflicting questions, growing out of this claim of concurrent jurisdiction on the part of foreign grand lodges, have been ably and fully set before this body by former committees, and this committee is fully confident that this grand lodge is in possession of all the information upon these points that can be laid before it, and hence they decline entering further into such discussions. But they mention this subject now, that they may have an opportunity of stating that the differences that have so long distracted some of our sister grand lodges, arising out of this question, have either been harmoniously adjusted, or are in such a train as to give great hopes of a speedy settlement of them all, and a restoration of that harmonious cooperation between the several grand and subordinate jurisdictions, that all good masons so earnestly desire and hope for.—At all events, the committee believe that they are fully warranted in declaring that it is their firm belief that we shall not soon be called upon to mourn over such scenes as have heretofore given so much uneasiness and pain to masons throughout the world.

One custom generally noticed and too prevalent among the various subordinate lodges, is the facility with which masons are made. Though it is gratifying to all good masons, that our beloved institution has safely weathered the storm of persecution that once threatened to overwhelm it in speedy destruction, and is everywhere commending itself to popular favor, yet we must be permitted to remark that masonry, though universal in its character and operations, is not intended to embrace all within its folds. It does not and ought not to go out upon the high-

ways, and proclaiming its excellencies and beauties, invite every one into its portals, regardless of qualifications, and despite of objections. To be a good and faithful mason, well tried and trusty, requires peculiar excellencies, peculiar qualifications.—It is not enough to inquire whether a man will do no positive injury to masonry, but it is important to know whether he will be an active working member, one who not only will do us no injury by his association with us, but reflect credit upon the institution wherever his connection with it may be known. The haste, then, with which many lodges make masons, their eagerness to enlarge the number of members, is no just criterion by which to judge of their prosperity, or of the progress of the cause. It would be far better for a lodge to have a dozen well tried and active members, men who will illustrate by their diligent attention, in and out of the lodge, to the various duties they take upon themselves when they become masons, and who will make themselves familiar with all of the usages and customs, than to have a large number, who, though they do nothing that may bring disgrace and reproach upon us, remain as ignorant of the true objects and purposes of the institution, as if they had never entered the sacred portals of the temple. The world is apt, nay, quick to judge of any institution by the daily deportment of those who manage its affairs. If they manifest a deep interest in all that concerns it, if they show that their connection with it has made them better men and more valuable citizens, it can but bear a favorable report to the world. But if it produce no change for good upon their charater or actions, if the bad and the good are admitted indiscriminately within its portals, whilst the numbers of those who profess to be masons may be greatly increased, we are not so certain that the observant and well thinking portion of the community will regard the institution in its true light. Let it be remembered that it is not the numbers that flock to our portals that give us character and weight in the community, but the uprightness of their lives and the influence for good that they carry with them in their public and private walks. Lodges, then, ought to be admonished to be especially careful to inquire cautiously and

fully into the character of those who seek admittance into their portals.

Then again, the facilities for making masons in some lodges are so great that often two, three, and even more, are initiated, passed and raised in one night, when there can be no urgent necessity for it beyond the mere desire of the applicants. Apart from the fact that this is not in strict accordance with masonic usage, those who are thus hurried through our mysteries, however intelligent and observing they may be, are not and cannot be properly impressed with the sublime moral truths that are intended to be urged upon them. No excuse ought to betray the lodge or its master into such indiscreet or unnecessary haste.—If the mysteries of our institution are worth learning, they ought to be learned in our way and according to our usages. No supposed advantage can compensate for the indecent haste and irregularity so prevalent in many lodges, where the great aim seems to be to add to the number of members, without calculating whether it will add to the dignity or the respectability of the body.

We see complaints made in many of the proceedings of our sister grand lodges of the evils growing out of this inconsiderate haste. Men who are often made masons in one jurisdiction, and armed and equipped with what will commend them to the fraternal regard and brotherly greetings of masons elsewhere, show that the emergency that ensured them the privileges of masonry, did not fit them to take upon themselves the reciprocal obligations they have assumed. They prove to be masons only in name, reflecting no credit upon the lodges that sent them forth, and entailing only trouble and perplexity upon those lodges that receive them.

The committee trust that they are not traveling beyond the strict line of their duty when they call upon this grand lodge to take such steps as will put an end to this irregular and reprehensible practice within this jurisdiction. The strongest way in which we can urge the jurisdiction to conform to the ancient usages of the order, is to practice a strict and unvarying conformity to them ourselves. We can never ask others to aid us in

putting down irregularities and in preserving the ancient landmarks, if weo d not ourselves first set the example. We trust that this Grand Lodge at its present annual communication, will adopt sch measures as in its wisdom it may deem adequate to remedy a great and growing evil. We have thus imperfectly discharged our duty in reference to this question, and leave the matter in the hands of the grand lodge to dispose of as they may deem proper.

The subject of uniformity of work has engaged the attention of this grand lodge at sundry times. We observe that it has also been under discussion in other grand bodies, and there are some things mentioned, and some practiced in other jurisdictions that may be of some advantage to this grand lodge in arriving at the most feasible plan of accomplishing this desirable end.

The system of instruction by general lecturers alone, has been found by experience not to have met fully the wants of the lodges. However efficient and dilligent any grand lecturer may be, or even if there be several, it is impossible for them to visit all the lodges every year and impart to them the whole work. Some lodges are indifferent, and some so remote that they cannot easily be reached. The very least time that a lecturer can devote to a single lodge with any benefit to its members, would be one week, and so, in a large jurisdiction like ours, some lodges would be overlooked.

Besides, there are often found those who differ from our grand lecturers in the work, and, although a grand lodge may have duly commissioned him and sent him forth under their official sanction, he may not be cordially received in all portions of the jurisdiction.

Now, is there no way in which this can be remedied, and a perfect uniformity of work secured? Can no means be devised by which all objections can be removed, and an almost perfect uniformity produced? Your committee are of opinion that it may be done.

We observe that in some jurisdictions, the State is divided into districts, and a deputy grand master is appointed for each district, whose business it is to have a general supervision over

the lodges in his district, and to make an annual report to the grand lodge. Now we are of opinion that something of this kind, combined with the present system of having grand lecturers, would produce the desired uniformity, if it were properly organized and carried into operation.

A deputy from each district might meet the grand lecturer appointed by the grand lodge at a designated place and time, where the work might be learned by at least one person in every district in the State. These deputies might then have similar meetings of masters of the different subordinate lodges, in their several districts, at any time and place that would secure the attendance of any number of them, and thus gradually but surely, a uniformity in the work would be produced throughout the entire State. Any differences of opinion as to the particular portions of the work, might be referred to a subsequent general meeting of the grand lecturer and the district deputies.

We throw out these suggestions, hoping that something may be evolved by this grand lodge that may lead to the desired result.

In connection with this subject, the committee would suggest that a stricter attention to the lectures of each degree, upon the part of the masters of the several subordinate lodges, would greatly aid in accomplishing this result. In initiating, passing and raising candidates, many masters, either from ignorance or from disinclination, omit or very imperfectly give the lectures appropriate to each degree, and which the master is bound by his obligation to give whenever he confers the degree. Then, if each master would oftener call his lodge together for instruction, and be more particular in giving a lecture at each meeting of his lodge, it would not take a long time to create such an interest in it, that all the members would attend punctually and avail themselves of the instruction offered them. No lodge should elevate to the responsible post of master a brother who either is not thoroughly qualified to give all the lectures of all the degrees, or who would not immediately upon his election, qualify himself for that important and responsible post.

If masters of lodges would be more careful in the proper discharge of this part of their duties, and members would insist upon the proper qualifications in those they choose to preside over them, this, one of the greatest evils to which the lodges are subjected, would be done away with, and masters and members would work together with more harmony, and a new and increased interest would spring up in all our lodges.

Your committee take pleasure in stating that they have marked with peculiar interest, the very great attention that is being paid by many of our sister grand lodges to the important subject of education. Grand Lodge after Grand Lodge is devising some plan to extend the benefits of a good education to the children of every mason within their jurisdiction. Some grand lodges have a large fund set aside, the income from which in some is devoted to the maintenance of some college or high school, and in others, distributed throughout the jurisdiction, where the needy and the destitute are supplied with the means of acquiring a good education. Whilst some grand lodges have colleges and high schools under their patronage, we observe that subordinate lodges are everywhere moving in the matter. This is a cheering sign of progress, and is a sure mark that whilst masons everywhere are exercising their benevolence and brotherly love, they are also vindicating their claim to be called the supporters and cherishers of the liberal arts and sciences.

Our forms and ceremonies are not mere unmeaning forms and ceremonies, but typical of something important to mankind, and that will promote the general welfare of the human family. This grand lodge and some of her subordinate lodges have already shown that they are awake to the subject, and let us hope that the day is not very far distant when the substantial benefits of masonry, in spreading light and knowledge, will be felt throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Your committee, in thus hastily and imperfectly discharging the duty imposed upon them by this grand lodge, are not aware that they have omitted any subject that ought to be brought before this body. They might have examined in detail and

commented upon the proceedings of each grand lodge, in communication with this grand lodge, but they did not see how it could afford either profit or pleasure to this body. The few points to which the committee have called the attention of the grand lodge, are deserving of its serious consideration; but beyond their recommendation, the committee are free to leave them to the action of this body, in full confidence that it will, in its wisdom and prudence, devise the best plan to remedy existing evils, and to produce the most good to the institution we all so much revere.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

WILL. C. DOUB,
Chairman.

Bro. E. J. Lutterloh submitted a resolution, which was read and laid upon the table.

Mill Creek Lodge, No. 125, Johnston county, having procured a new sett of jewels, returned their old ones to the Grand Secretary.

Brother J. J. Q. Taylor appointed Bro. Samuel W. Marsbon his proxy for Morning Star Lodge, No. 85.

Bro. W. P. Burke appointed Bro. Daniel Coleman his proxy to cast the votes of Scotch Ireland and Taylorsville Lodges.

Called off until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK,
December 2, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers in their stations.

A large representation present.

Bro. Henry A. Gilliam submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Clinton Lodge, No. 124, by mistake, appears to have subscribed the sum of $300 for St. John's College,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of St. John's College be instructed to correct the error, and erase that subscription from the list.

The Committee on the Grand Treasurer's acoounts made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Grand Treasurer's Accounts beg leave to state that they have examined his books, and find in his hands up to the 1st day of December, 1856, the sum of $1,960 97, and a note on William C. Doub, for $90 00. We find his vouchers to be $1,725 16, leaving in his hands, (including Wm. C. Doub's note for $90 00, due the 1st day of January, 1857,) the sum of $325 81.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOAB HIATT,
T. J. HOLT,
JAS. M. PALMER, } *Com.*

The Committee on Claims against the Grand Lodge made their report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned Committee appointed on accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, beg leave most respectfully to submit the following report as the result of their investigation:

W. C. Doub, for printing,	$90 75
A. M. Gorman, "	15 00
North Carolina Christian Advocate, for advertisement,	2 25
D. G. Fowle, Trustee for Seaton Gales, "	3 75
Charles W. Moore, balance due,	6 00
Holden & Wilson,	4 00
James S. Terrell,	27 75
Pescud & Gatling,	9 40
W. W. Woodel,	5 80
W. J. Lougee,	3 70
G. B. Bagwell,	10 00
Amanda Dunstan,	6 00
Mary Clark,	1 20
Calvin Jordan,	85
Total	$186 45

All of the above accounts have been examined, found correct and received. Respectfully submitted,

R. B. PASCHALL,
B. CLEGG,
W. S. GUNTER. } *Com.*

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to submit the following report:

They exceedingly regret that the limited time allowed them to investigate the important matters laid before them for resideration, matters which require deep thought and mature conflection, had to be passed over hurriedly, and comparatively in a very short time; but, we would state that we have examined with as much care as possible, the proceedings and by-laws of the following Lodges, working under Dispensation, viz: Sandy Creek, Pine Forest, Central Cross, Palfour, Taylorsville, and Fair Bluff, and recommend that Charters be granted to them, and their delegates, on presenting their credentials, be permitted to take seats as members of this grand lodge.

We would also state that we found inaccuracies in the proceedings and By-Laws of some of the lodges, to wit:

We would respectfully suggest to Sandy Creek lodge to make her By-laws more concise. Pine Grove Lodge has fallen in the unmasonic practice of receiving petitions, balloting for candidates, initiating, passing and raising at the same meetings, which we believe to be the main reason why there are so many ignorant craftsmen in our midst. The 13th article requires a brother casting a black ball, to make known to the master his objections to the applicant. This is in conflict with Article 4th, Section 11th, of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge, which says one black ball shall reject without a question—except that a second ballot may be had to be satisfied that there is no mistake.

Taylorsville, Article 2nd, sec. 4th of By-laws, providing for vacancies in case of death, resignation or removal, at next regu-

lar meeting, which we consider to be contrary to the principles of masonry; believing that in case of the Master's office becoming vacant, that the Senior Warden is to fill his station until the regular time of election, the Junior Warden to fill the Senior Warden's station, and the Junior Warden's station to be filled *pro tem*, unless by dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Your committee would further state, that they have examined also, the proceedings and By-laws of the following lodges, viz: Granite, Burnsville and Unanimity lodges working under Dispensation, and we find some inaccuracies in their By-laws which we have marked that the lodges may correct, and we recommend that charters be granted to said lodges.

W. P. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

LODGES CHARTERED.

Sandy Creek,	No.	185,	Sandy Creek,	Franklin	County.
Pine Forest,	No.	186,	Harrington,	Harnett	"
Central Cross,	No.	187,	Hunt's Store,	Nash	"
Palfour,	No.	188,	Ashboro'	Randolph	"
Taylorsville,	No.	189,	Taylorsville,	Alexander	"
Fair Bluff,	No.	190,	Fair Bluff,	Columbus	"
Granite,	No.	191,	Stallings Depot,	Johnson,	"
Burnsville,	No.	192,	Burnsville,	Yancey	"
Unanimity,	No.	193,	Edenton,	Chowan	"

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 oclock, December 2, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers in their seats.

A large representation present.

In pursuance with a resolution, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, which resulted in the choice of

Bro.	Pleasant A. Holt, of Graham,	Grand Master.
"	James T. Alexander, of Lincolnton,	" Sr. Warden.
"	J. M. Cox, of Hertford,	" Jr. "
"	William T. Bain, of Raleigh,	" Secretary.
"	C. W. D. Hutchings, "	" Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. E. J. Lutterloh, a committee, composed of Bros. Custis, Blount and Blake, were appointed to inform the Grand Officers of their election, and to procure the services of some Past Grand Master, to install the officers elect, on to-morrow evening, 8 o'clock.

Bro. Daniel Coleman, was appointed proxy to cast the votes of Scotch Ireland and Taylorsville Lodges, by the representatives of those lodges.

The Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10 oclock, December 3, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor.

PRESENT:

M. W. PLEASANT A. HOLT,	Grand	Master.
R. W. Z. M. PASCHALL, Dep.	"	P. T.
R. W. JAMES REID,	"	Chaplain.
" WILLIAM K. BLAKE,	"	Senior Warden.
" JOSEPH GREEN,	"	Junior "
" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,	"	Treasurer.
" WILLIAM T. BAIN,	"	Secretary.
Bro. W. J. HOKE,	"	Senior Deacon.
" JOHN F. HOWLETT,	"	Junior "
" JAMES S. TERRELL,	"	Tyler.

The Marshal, Sword Bearer, and Pursuivant in their stations.

Bro. E. J. Lutterloh's resolution submitted on yesterday, was taken up and after some amendments, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Much more of the time of Bro. James Banks, Chairman of the Historical Committee, is being consumed, and more expense incurred by him in the collection of material for his report than was contemplated by this Grand Lodge, be it

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be instructed to pay to Bro. Banks the amount of expenses incurred by him during the past year, and that Bro. Banks be requested to report quarterly his expenses during the ensuing year, which amount be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. R. N. Forbes, Peter Adams and W. T. Gannaway, a committee to examine the reports and accounts of St. John's College.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the annexed report which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances respectfully submit the following report:

In the case of A. R. Warner, from Blackmer Lodge, No. 129: The accused was convicted by his Lodge for having violated his word after giving it as a master mason, to two master masons, without showing any justifiable reasons therefor that did not exist at the time the promise was made, to the prejudice and injury of two master masons, and was indefinitely suspended by said Lodge. We respectfully recommend that the decision of the subordinate Lodge be approved and affirmed by this Grand Lodge.

In the case of Wm. J. McElroy, from William R. Davie Lodge No. 119, who was suspended from all the rights and benefits of free masonry for three years, upon the charge of having lost his character as a man of truth, and for having threatened to expose the secrets of free masonry upon being reprimanded by a brother mason for his unmasonic conduct. Your commiitee respectfully recommend that the pro-

ceeding had in this subordinate lodge be approved, and their judgment in this case be affirmed by the Grand Lodge.

In the case of Bro. R. Gilchrist, from Phœnix Lodge, No. 8: The accused was convicted of habitual intemperance by his lodge. Having been duly tried, and sentenced to indefinite suspension, we respectfully recommend that the decision of the subordinate lodge, in this case, be approved and affirmed by this Grand Lodge.

In the case of J. S. Robeteau, from Phœnix Lodge, No. 8; The accused was convicted by his lodge of habitual drunkenness, and sentenced to indefinite suspension. We respectfully recommend that the decision of the subordinate lodge in this case be approved and affirmed by this Grand Lodge.

In the case of Will. F. Harderson, from William R. Davie Lodge: We report that the transcript is in regular form, and the proceedings had in the case are proper. We respectfully recommend to the Grand Lodge that the decision of the subordinate lodge, in this case, be affirmed.

In the crse of Brother Norwood Wiley, sent up from Greensboro' Lodge No. 76, who was indefinitely suspended upon a charge of "unmasonic conduct in violating his master mason's obligation by a gross falsehood and fraud, practiced on a brother master mason." Your committee would respectfully report that the transcript of the record in this case, is too imperfect to base any action of this grand lodge upon it. We recommend the case to be sent back for a more perfect record in the following particulars, to wit: whether the accused brother acknowledged himself guilty of both the specifications in the charge, the nature of the fraud charged, and lastly whether the accused brother was tried in a master mason's lodge.

In the case of Samuel Fisher, from Logan Lodge, No. 121: Your Committee recommend that the decision of the suordinate Lodge, in this case, be affirmed by this Grand Lodge.

In the case of John B. Gatter, from Mocksville Lodge, No. 134: Your Committee report that the only evidence against the

accused sent up to this Grand Lodge, in his own declaration before the lodge, wherein he admits that he had stricken a master mason in anger, but, at the same time he stated he did it under circumstances which justified him in so doing. Taking the whole of the declarations together, we think that the subordinate lodge erred in their decision, and we respectfully recommend that it be reversed.

The petition of Edward Ransdall represents that in the year 1855, he was expelled from all the rights, benefits, and privileges of mansonry by Lafayette Lodge, No. 86, for drunkenness, that said lodge is now extinct, and that he has become a sober and peaceable citizen, and prays this Grand Lodge to restore him again to the rights and privileges of our order. And some forty names of persons representing themselves to be members of Clinton Lodge, recommend the petitioner to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge. This petition bears date the 2d day of November, 1855. Your Committee have availed themselves of the opportunity of inquiring at sources they rely upon, and they find that the applicant was expelled from his lodge many years ago for drunkenness, and that he lived a sober life for a long time as set forth in his petition, but unfortunately for him, his old infirmity has returned upon him since the date of his petition, and that he has been seen drunk upon divers occasions within the last year. Your Committee respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

In the case of Bro. P. W. Wooley, indefinitely suspended from Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, for unmasonic conduct, viz: Intemperance, your Committee recommend that the decision of the lodge be approved and affirmed.

In the case of Bro. T. B. Haskill, expelled from Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, for unmasonic conduct, viz: intemperance and trading with negroes, your Committee report that it does not appear from the transcript sent up, whether the brother was notified to appear on trial or not, and would therefore recommend that the case be sent back to the Lodge for a more pefect

transcript of the record, in the particular above referred to.

DANIEL COLEMAN,
ALEXANDER MURDOCK,
W. R. WARD. } *Com.*

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's communication was read and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, have had the same under careful consideration, and beg leave to submit the following as the report, for the adoption of the Grand Lodge. Your Committee would respectfully recommend that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, which relates to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge; and for the purpose of carrying out the views therein expressed, recommend that the same be referred to a Committee of three to report thereon.

We fully concur with the Most Worthy Grand Master in condemning in the severest terms, the haste, which many subordinate Lodges are guilty of, in making masons, and the great error they have fallen into, in believing that numbers add to their strength, after using materials without any regard to the internal qualifications, and often materials which will remain as a rough ashler, and that should be left to repose in the great quarry of nature as wholly unfit for the builder's use. The great haste exhibited by many lodges, in conferring the degrees, even upon the slightest pretext is certainly a departure from the ancient landmarks and usages of the fraternity, and we heartily concur with the views expressed by our Grand Master in relation to the same, and would recommend the subordinate lodges, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand lodge, to adhere strictly to the ancient landmarks of the fraternity.

The Committee, on that portion of the address which relates to the embarrassed condition of the Trustees of St. John's College, deeply feel the great responsibility which now rests upon

the fraternity of North Carolina. It has been truly said that the enterprise has been embarked by this Grand Lodge upon the sea of experiment, and that it is our legitimate offspring, and your Committee feel the obligations resting upon the present Grand Communication, to be of no ordinary character. Something must be done to prosecute to completion the noble edifice of St. John's College, which is to be an everlasting monument of the liberality of its founders, and which will be looked upon by generations yet unborn, with no small degree of admiration and wonder; or, if unfinished, to stand as an everlasting monument of disgrace to those into whose hands its destiny has been placed. Your Committee would much deplore that such should be its fate, and would recommend that this most worshipful grand body take the necessary steps to procure funds for its speedy completion, by adopting the following as the most feasible plan for the same: that the Trustees of St. John's College obtain by loan the requisite amount for the completion of the same, the payment to be secured by a mortgage upon the property.

That portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address which relates to the subscriptions obtained by the Agent of St. John's College, of northern merchants, fully meets the views of your Committee. and we recommend that the same be referred to a committee of three.

The Committee, on that portion of the address which refers to the Grand Lodge in Canada, feel that we, in common with our brethren in Canada, are engaged in one common cause: that is, the promotion of the interests of our time-honored institution, and that this Grand Lodge, with fraternal feelings, should recognize and receive, with cordial friendship, the Grand Lodge of Canada, and extend to her the courtesies usual among Grand Lodges.

There are many points of interests which are of great moral excellence set forth in the anuual address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, but which do not require any particular notice at the hands ofyour Committee. But we cannot refrain expressing our admiration of that portion of the address which

speaks of the conduct of masons, both in the lodge room, and in their intercourse with the brethren in the private transactions of every day life, the great moral lessons which are inculcated and impressed upon the candidate at every step he takes through the various degrees, should be indellibly impressed upon his mind, and should be the constant practice in their intercourse with each other and with the world. Any departure from or in violation of these moral lessons by individual brethren should be taken into consideration by the subordinate lodges.

Your Committee are fully satisfied that the views set forth by our Grand Master in regard to the recommendation of brethren by chartered lodges for dispensation, are correct and wholesome, and that many are the evils of granting dispensations for new Lodges, to the extent to which in various instances the practice has been carried; therefore, we would respectfully recommend that portion of the address to the careful consideration of the subordinate lodges.

Your Committee feel that they have but discharged the duty assigned them in an imperfect manner, and, in conclusion, beg leave to add their testimony to the high-tone and great moral worth of the address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, as a document of Masonic lore, every way worthy of the high position in which your confidence has placed him.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HILL,
T. J. PATRICK,
E. F. WATSON. } *Com.*

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Bros. Wm. G. Hill, Jos. Green and E. F. Watson, a special committee on the suspension case from St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Newbern.

Bros. Thompson and Murdoch, were appointed a committee on that part of the Grand Master's Communication relating to Dispensations, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Lecturers.

Bros. Daniel Coleman, Peter Adams and Gannaway were appointed a committee on that part relative to northern subscriptions to St. John's College.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1; St. John's Lodge, No. 3; Phœnix Lodge, No. 8; Johnson Caswell Lodge, No. 10; Hiram Lodge, No. 40; Concord Lodge, No. 58; Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64; Eagle, No. 71; Greensboro', No. 76; Sharon, No. 78; Mt. Moriah, No. 82; Lafayette Lodge, No. 83; Fellowship Lodge, No. 84; Morning Star, No. 85; Western Star, No. 91; Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92; St. John's Lodge, No. 96; Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97; Warren Lodge, No. 101; Orr Lodge, No. 104; Belmont Lodge, No. 108; Wentworth Lodge, No. 111; Wayne Lodge, No. 112; Holly Springs Lodge, No. 115; Germanton Lodge, No. 116; Mount Herman Lodge, No. 118; William R. Davie Lodge, No. 119; Logan Lodge, No. 121; Tuscarora Lodge, No. 122; Franklinton Lodge, No. 123; Clinton Lodge, No. 124; Mill Creek Lodge, No. 125; Sunsbury Lodge, No. 126; Blackmer Lodge, No. 127; Hawks Lodge, No. 128; Radiance Lodge, No. 132; Alamance Lodge, No. 133; Black Rock Lodge, No. 135; Lincoln Lodge, No. 137; Mount Energy, No. 140; Carolina Lodge, No. 131; Cane Creek Lodge, No. 142; Junaluskee Lodge, No, 145; Adonirum Lodge, No. 149; Mount Carmell Lodge, No. 153; Scotch Ireland Lodge, No. 154; White Stone Lodge, No. 155; Rolesville Lodge, No. 156; Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 157; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; St. Paul's Lodge, No. 166; Pleasant Hill, No. 168; George Washington Lodge, No. 174; Pollocksville Lodge, No. 175; Marlboro' Lodge, No. 177; Caldwell Lodge, No. 180; Carthage Lodge, No. 181; Centre Grove, No. 183; Reynoldston Lodge, No. 184; Sandy Creek Lodge, No. 185; Pine Forest Lodge, No. 186; Central Cross Lodge, No. 187; Palfour Lodge, No. 188; Taylorsville Lodge, No. 189; Fair Bluff Lodge, No. 190.

Brother William B. Chambler appointed Brother A. Thomas his proxy for White Stone Lodge, No. 155, for the balance of the Communication.

Bro. S. H. Roundtree appointed Bro. Calvin Cox his proxy for St. John's Lodge, No. 96.

Called off until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK,
December 3, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers in their stations.

The representatives in attendance.

The report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's books, &c., was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, and the examination of his books and vouchers, beg leave to submit the following report: They have carefully examined the report and books of the Grand Secretary, and that it affords them great pleasure to state that they have found that report correct, and that his books are kept in a neat and business like manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on changing the time, and the alternate meetings of the Grand Lodge, was called up and after some discussion thereon, it was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting on the propriety of changing the time of holding the annual communication of your venerable body, and likewise the propriety of meeting at other places in the State, after much investigation, and a careful study of both subjects, respectfully report that it would be impolitic and unwise to make any alteration whatever.

The Committee know of no Grand Lodge that alternates from place to place, and conceive that subject to be contrary to Masonic usage, and beneath the dignity of the Grand Lodge. In addition to this, the by-laws would need to be amended, which requires a two-third vote; and your Committee *incline to the belief* that the communications of the Grand Lodge must be held

at Raleigh, under the Charter or act of incorporation from the State, but after diligent search they have been unable to find a copy of said charter.

Yours Fraternally,

JAMES BANKS,
N. A. RAMSEY,
W. P. TAYLOR, } Com.

Bro. Wm. G. Hill submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase for the use of this Grand Lodge, three copies of Past Grand Master Mitchell's "History of Masonry and Code of Jurisprudence," now in course of publication. And as the work of publication is designed to be a standard work of reference, containing the "Old Charges and Ancient Regulations," together with a "Code of Masonic Jurisprudence," and "Dictionary of Masonic Terms," comprising a valuable masonic library; the subordinate lodges are earnestly requested to provide themselves as early as practicable, with this means of solving legal questions, and assisting Masters of lodges to govern the same in accordance with Masonic law and usage.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock,
December 3, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers in their stations.

The Representatives in their seats.

On motion of Bro. Daniel Coleman, it was resolved that the Installation of the Grand Officers, be postponed until to-morrow evening, 8 o'clock.

Bro. W. K. Blake, from the committee on that part of the Grand Master's Communication relative to Dispensations, Dep-

uty Grand Masters, and Grand Lecturers, made his report, which was read and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address, in which he recommended the division of the State into districts, and the appointment of a Deputy Grand Master for each district, and Grand Lecturers, submit the following as their report :

Your Committee cordially approve the design of the Grand Master in recommending a plan to secure a uniformity of work in the Lodges of N. C., and after due deliberation upon the subject, they would recommend the following resolutions to be adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, 1*st*, That the State be divided into three districts, the Eastern, Central and Western as follows :—The *Eastern District* to comprise the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Gates, Perquimans, Hertford, Bertie, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Beaufort, Craven, Carteret, Northampton, Halifax, Martin, Pitt, Jones, Onslow, Lenoir, Greene, Edgecombe, New Hanover, Duplin, Wayne, Brunswick, Nash, Warren and Franklin. The *Central District* to comprise the counties of Sampson, Columbus, Robeson, Cumberland, Moore, Richmond, Wake, Chatham, Orange, Granville, Person, Alamance, Wilson, Johnston, Harnett, Person and Caswell. The *Western District* to comprise the counties of Cherokee, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Yancey, Watauga, Wilkes, Caldwell, Alexander, Catawba, Cleaveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Surry, Yadkin, Iredell, Rockingham, Stokes, Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, Union, Anson, Stanly, Montgomery, Randolph, Guilford, Rockingham and Forsythe.

Resolved 2*d*, That the Grand Master shall appoint three Grand Lecturers for the above Districts, who shall assemble at some convenient place as soon as practicable after the close of this Communication, for the purpose of consulting with each other and securing entire uniformity in their instructions throughout the State.

Resolved 3d, That it shall be incumbent upon each Grand Lecturer to visit once a year, each subordinate lodge within his jurisdiction, as shall desire his services, for the purpose of giving instruction in the work.

Resolved 4*th*, That each Subordinate lodge thus visited and instructed, shall pay to said Grand Lecturer twenty-five dollars

per week, together with the necessary expenses incurred during his visit, and in traveling from one Lodge to another.

Resolved 5th, That all resolutions now in force which conflict with the foregoing, be, and are hereby repealed.

WILL. K. BLAKE,
W. S. THOMPSON, } *Com.*
A. MURDOCK.

The following was adopted as a substitute for the 4th resolution submitted above:

4. *Resolved*, That each Grand Lecturer so visiting and instructing any subordinate lodge, shall have the power to arrange wfth said lodge such terms for his services as they may see fit.

Bro. Clegg, from the Committee on Education, made his report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Education beg leave most respectfully to submit the following report:

The state of education, among the craft in North Carolina, has not assumed so marked a character as to entitle the fraternity to claim superiority over others in the noble and greatly needed work of educating the rising generation. Scarcely enough has been done to redeem the fraternity from the impeachment of indifference. A few lodges and masons, in their individual capacity, have done nobly in the cause, and still are exerting a most healthful influence on the public mind.

In the establishment of Academies, Germanton Lodge, No. 116, bears the palm, and the committee take great pleasure in commending the Masonic Institute, enjoying as it does, excellent facilities for the impartation of instruction, to the favorable regard of the fraternity, and its continued confidence.

Knap of Reeds Lodge, and Fellowship Lodge has each a male school in successful operation. Morning Star Lodge has also a male and female school established and under its control. These schools are doing good service in the cause, and are worthy of the regard of the fraternity.

These are all the schools brought to the attention of your

committee. Four schools for a fraternity numbering one hundred and ninety lodges, who ought to be in advance in every good work, represents a state of affairs that your committee cannot say redounds to the honor and praise of the craft.

Your committee has not thought proper to refer to the efforts of building a College, in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. CLEGG,
DANIEL COLEMAN, } *Com.*

Bro. W. K. Blake moved to amend the report on Education, by the addition of the following, which was adopted:

The representatives of Germanton Lodge, No. 116, report the Masonic Institute, organized and put into operation in January, 1852, by said lodge, to be still in a flourishing condition. The average attendance of students is about one hundred per annum.

The Institute building is estimated to be worth $4,500. It contains a large chapel or hall, well furnished with a sufficient number of chairs and desks to accommodate a larger number of students than has yet been present at any one time.

There are five other rooms in the same building, used for Libraries, labratory, museum, and recitation rooms. The library now numbers about 2,000 volumes, mostly new and well selected. The apparatus, which is new, cost $700, and is used with great advantage to the students in Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and Astronomy. The museum contains about 1,000 mineral and fossil specimens, which can be applied with great practical benefit to those in the department of Mineralogy and Geology.

Bro. Clegg from the Committee on St. John's College, made his report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to which was referred the interests of St. John's College, would most respectfully state, that they have had the same under consideration.

Having consulted the action of previous Communications of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the resolves this Lodge has been pleased to express and send forth to the world, we could scarcely find any thing in this line, new, exciting, or novel, with which to instruct, stir, or please ourselves or others.—But after all our fine conceptions, pretty speeches and noble resolves, the work is not completed, and there is need of every craftsman and much work is yet to be done. You have had agents authorized to apply everywhere where available means could be obtained. You have authorized the sale of scholarships in perpetuity, for a limited time; the taking of subscriptions and bonds, and fully instructed all authorized agents and officers to accept the cash, and have bound this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to pay over all surplus funds, after needful expenses have been met, to the Treasurer of St. John's College. These things you have done, and more than this. You have resolved, and said so to North Carolina, you were going to erect a College worthy of Masonry, and of the State in which you as Masons live.

We need not remind you of past bickerings and heart burnings in the conception of this noble offspring of your body. We find the child living, and we are called on to provide for its support. We may be pardoned for minor delinquencies and improprieties, but whence can forgiveness come to those guilty of infanticide? The living must be fed, or it soon dies.

This beautiful daughter of yours, in her helplessness and infancy, pleads imploringly for your aid and support. Give it. In the end she shall walk forth the loving and lovely mother of scores of sons to call you blessed, and point to her noble sons and say these are my jewels. The food is in the hands of Masons, in the coffers of lodges, and was a Masonic heart ever barred, or hand closed to the calls of the worthy suffering?—Your committee think the enterprise must go on.

The suggestions of the Committee on the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, and the resolutions adopted, to borrow on mortgage, meets in part the present demand. We would respectfully urge a continuance of active agents, and all

other means becoming the spirit of Masonry, heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge, and would propose that the President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College, be allowed to draw on the Grand Treasurer of this Lodge for the cost of striking off 1,000 copies of the lithographs of said college, according to bill reported in his report. We would urge increased punctuality in the payment of bonds and subscriptions, and all authorized agents be cordially encouraged in their visits to Lodges, and communities in which these Lodges may be located.

And further. We propose that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge instruct the Trustees of St. John's College, to organize that college on a military basis, so as to secure military discipline in the college and instruction in military tactics, and also a department of Polytecnics, securing instruction in the arts, as well as the usual literary branches of education.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

B. CLEGG, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed to examine the reports and accounts in relation to St. John's College, made the annexed report, which was read and adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed to examine the reports and accounts in relation to St. John's College, beg leave to report as follows:

Upon examination of said papers, they find a report of a committee, appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, "to examine the books of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College," made at this present session, which contains a full statement of the financial condition of the College, embracing all receipts and expenditures up to December 1st, 1856, including the report of L. A. Paschall, as agent for Granville county, so far as appears from said books, showing a balance in the hands of said Treasurer, of $36 35, December 1st, 1856, subject to such remuneration as may be allowed him by the Board; and certain bonds as set forth in his report in 1855.

Bro. R. C. Maynard has made a general report of his proceedings as general agent for said College, but from it your committee are unable to make such a statement as would be sufficiently intelligible to answer the purpose of the report required of them, as they understand it. Before this can be doue, it will be neceesary that Bro. Maynard should make a full and particular report, and come to a settlement with said Board of Trustees. He having been appointed such agent by said Board, your committee conceive that it is to them and not to the Grand Lodge, that he is required to report, &c., and, that farther action in the matter must be deferred until this is done and the next annual report of the Treasurer is returned.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

RICHARD N. FORBES, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges made their report which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the Returns and Communications of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the returns of eighty lodges, and of this number they find fifty eight Lodges deficient in important particulars. Lodges that have not yet provided themselves with seals are earnestly requested to do so at an early day, that they may make their returns properly authenticated. Their attention is likewise called to the duty of giving the date of their charters, the time of holding their regular meetings, and their post office address.

The resolution, adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last communication, to amend article 1, section 2. of the constitution, and submitted to the subordinate lodges for ratification, was adopted by nineteen subordinate lodges, rejected by two, and by the remainder no action at all was taken on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WILL. K. BLAKE, *Chairman.*

Bro. W. J. Hoke, submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be instructed to correspond with the Grand Lodges of the other States, and get their opinion as to the propriety of holding a Convention to be composed of delegates from each Grand Lodge, in order that uniformity of work in the United States may be had.

Bro. W. K. Blake submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That at each Annual Communication, in addition to the present standing Committees, the Grand Master shall appoint one styled, "A Committee on Jurisprudence," to whom shall be referred all questions of Masonic law and usage, that may be propounded by the representatives of the several subordinate lodges, and that the report of the committee, if concurred in by the Grand Master, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, shall be spread upon the minutes as the recognized law in this jurisdiction, of all questions therein decided.

Bro. W. J. Hoke, submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to procure a copy of the Charter of incorporation of this Grand Lodge, to be returned to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer and Secretary, were appointed a Committee to procure a copy of the Charter or Act of Incorporation of this Grand Lodge, from the Hon. William Hill, Secretary of State.

The Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, December 4, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers in their seats.

The Representatives as yesterday.

On motion of Bro. William K. Blake, it was ordered that the present No. 119 of William R. Davie Lodge, be changed to its original number, 37.

The Report of the Committee on the subscriptions of Northern Houses, was read and adopted. [See last days proceedings.]

Bro. J. F. Howlett, submitted the following resolutions which were read and adopted :

Resolved, That article 1, section 2, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows : "In the election of Grand Master, a ballot at large shall be taken, (every voter writing the name of the candidate he thinks best qualfied) and the brother having a majority of the votes present, shall be declared Grand Master elect, and installed in due form."

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify subordinate lodges to vote on this amendment, and report their decision to him in writing, under the seal of the lodge, by the next Annual Communication.

Bro. R. N. Forbes, submitted the annexed resolutions, which were read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, appoint a Deputy Grand Master for each District of the State, whose duty it shall be to have a general supervision over the subordinate lodges in his district, and to make an annual report of his action to the Grand Master. That he shall meet the Grand Lecturer appointed by the Grand Lodge for his District, at such place and time as they may agree upon, as soon after each session of the Grand Lodge as may be practicable, and before said Lecturer shall proceed to the discharge of his duties, in order to consult together upon the work, &c. And that he call together the Masters of the several lodges in his district, at some convenient time

and place at least once in the year, and that the Grand Lecturer for the District be required to attend said meeting, and then and there to consult together upon the work. And that all differences of opinion as to particular portions of the work, be referred to the Grand Master, the several Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Lecturers, at the meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That each Deputy Grand Master be required to lay before the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence all questions of Masonic law which may arise in his district. And in addition to the above, that the Grand Master issue a commission to said Deputy Grand Masters, assigning to them such powers and duties as he may see fit.

Bro. T. J. Patrick appointed Bro. S. Neal his proxy for Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.

Bro. B. H. Bullock appointed Bro. W. S. Thompson his proxy for Mount Energy Lodge, No. 140.

Bros. J. R. Livingston and C. W. Wooley appointed Bro. Calvin W. Wooley their proxy for Blackmer Lodge, No. 127.

Called off until this evening at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., December 4, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor.

The Grand Officers and representatives in their seats.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal case from St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Newbern, made the following report which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the appeal from the decision of the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, beg leave to report that after a careful examination of the records of said lodge exhibited by their representatives, they have arrived at the following conclusion.

It appears from the records of said lodge that at a regular meeting, held at their lodge room on the 13th of August, 1856, the lodge being opened in due form on the master masons' degree, the trial of Bro. Weinstein was then taken up for consideration. The charge being unmasonic conduct, in passing counterfeit money, and supplanting brother masons. Upon the first charge, he was found guilty, but acquitted upon the second. A ballot was then taken for expulsion, which was lost. It was then moved that Bro. W. be suspended, the length of time to be determined afterwards by ballot, which was carried. A motion was then made that his suspension be indefinite, which was lost. It was then moved that the suspension be for twelve months, which was also lost. A motion was then made to reconsider the vote of indefinite suspension, which was carried. It was then moved that he be expelled, which motion was lost. Several other motions for indefinite suspension, varying from twelve months to twenty-five years, were made at that and the subsequent regular meetings, which were all lost.

At the regular communication of said lodge, held September 10, 1856, the case of Bro. Weinstein being under discussion, the Worshipful Master decided that the accused brother remains suspended. After which decision, a motion was made and seconded "that he be suspended, or suspended for five years," which motion was balloted on and lost. The whole subject was then laid over for the purpose of "obtaining information from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in regard to the laws which should govern their action, and as to the duty of members therein, and that he (the W. M.) also apply to the Grand Master for a Dispensation to renew its action, so far as the same may be irregular or contrary to law, after the determination of his (Bro. Weinstein's) guilt, and for full direction for their guidance, and also, that the members be regularly notified of the same." At a subsequent regular meeting, held November 12th, 1856, the case of Bro. W. again coming up, the Worshipful Master stated that he had received no reply from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in regard to the trial of Bro. Weinstein.

Bro. Custis then appealed from the decision of the W. M. made at the regular meeting held Sept. 10, 1856, in which he decided, "that as the matter now stands, he (Bro. W.) remains suspended."

Your Committee after a careful examination and consideration of the whole Proceedings had in the case, have arrived at the following conclusions.

First, That the Proceedings had against Bro. Weinstein were regular, and in proper form up to and including the ballot had, re-considering the vote for indefinite suspension at the meeting held August 13, 1856. Since which time, the whole proceedings in the case have been irregular, and your committee are forced to come to the conclusion that no further action should have been had in the case—that Bro. Weinstein had been subjected to all the punishment which could be inflicted under the resolution by which he was suspended, and that the W. M. erred in permitting any other ballot or discussion on the subject, and that he also erred at a subsequent meeting when he decided that Bro. Weinstein remained suspended.

Your committee cannot refrain from expressing their great surprise and regret at the irregularities so often exhibited by the subordinate lodges in conducting masonic trials against delinquent brethren, as the Grand Lodge has supplied each subordinate lodge with a printed form for conducting such trials.

Although the trial of Bro. Weinstein, as we have stated in a former part of this report, was conducted regularly and in form up to a certain stage, we cannot agree with the verdict of the lodge in finding him guilty of the first charge, as after a careful examination of all the evidence in the case, we find no positive proof of his guilt.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by your committee.

E. F. WATSON,
J. GREEN, } *Com.*
W. J. HILL.

Bro. T. J. Holt, submitted the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and they are hereby tendered to the President and Directors of the Raleigh & Gaston, and Wilmington & Weldon Rail Roads, for their liberality in granting to the members of this Grand Lodge, passing over their roads, a return ticket for the price of one fare.

Called off until to-night, 7 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK,
December 4, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers in their stations.

The representatives in attendance.

The Grand Master proceeded to the Installation of the Grand Officers elect, as follows:

Bro.	James T. Alexander, of Lincolnton,	Gr.	Sen. Warden.
"	F. M. Cox, of Hertford,	"	Jun. "
"	C. W. D. Hutchings, of Raleigh,	"	Treasurer.
"	William T. Bain, "	"	Secretary.
"	W. J. Hoke, of Lincolnton,	"	Sen. Deacon.
"	Samuel T. Bond, Edenton,	"	Jun. "
"	James S. Terrell, Raleigh,	"	Tyler.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then made the following appointments:

Bro. Alfred Martin of Wilmington, Dep. Grand Master.
Rev. Bro. Rufus T. Heflin, of Raleigh, " Chaplain.
1 D. D. G. M., R. N. Forbes, Snow Hill, Greene.
2 " A. M. Campbell, Fayetteville.
3 " Luke Blackmer, Salisbury.

GRAND LECTURERS.

1	F. M. Capehart, Murfreesboro'.
2	H. W. Dunkley, Clarksville, Virginia.
3	Alexander Murdock, Salisbury, N. C.

Grand Marshal, Joseph Green, Brunswick.
" Sword Bearer, T. J. Holt, Oxford,
" Pursuivant, T. J. Patrick, Greensboro.'

Called off until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, December 5, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

PRESENT:

M. W.	Pleasant A. Holt,		Grand Master.
R. W.	Z. M. Paschall,	Dep.	" "
"	R. N. Forbes,		" Sen. Warden.
"	Joseph Green,		" Jun. "
"	C. W. D. Hutchings		" Treasurer.
"	William T. Bain,		" Secretary.
"	James S. Terrell,		" Tyler.

On motion of Bro. R. N. Forbes, it was resolved that the report of the Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Communieation relative to the Northern Subscriptions to St. John's College, be reconsidered, and the same was recommitted to the Committee for amendment.

Bro. Daniel Coleman, from the above Committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

The Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Communication, recommending to this Grand Lodge the consideration of the question of refunding

the money subscribed by Northern Houses to the Agent of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College, upon the condition that he, the Agent, would give publicity to said Houses, and recommend them to the craft throughout the State—having made their report to the same, and it having been recommitted to them, would respectfully report that at this late period of the Communication, it will be impossible for them to give the subject committed, that consideration which its importance demands; they therefore submit that the whole matter be committed to the committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instructions that they make their report to the next Communication of this Grand Lodge. And your Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL COLEMAN, *Chairman.*

Bro. Joseph Green submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was read and adopted :

WHEREAS, It appearing to this Grand Lodge, that there is a marked difference in the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges, and it being desirous of securing a uniformity of the same, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to draft a code of By-Laws for the government of Subordinate Lodges, and report to the Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge in December, 1857.

Bros. William G. Hill, Z. M. Paschall, and William T. Bain, were appointed the Committee in conformity with the above resolution.

The following additional Committees were appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

On Foreign Correspondence.—Bros. William K. Blake, Baxter Clegg, W. T. Gannaway.

On Jurisprudence.—Bros. A. T. Jerkins, William G. Hill Daniel Coleman.

The Printing and Publishing Committee of the last, were returned for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge having finished all the business brought before it, was closed in ample form, until the first Monday in December, 1857, being the 7th day of the month.

WILLIAM T. BAIN.
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—The following Lodges remitted their dues and returns after the Grand Lodge was closed, and appointed their proxies as follows:

Blackmer Lodge,	No. 170,	Bro.	John Baxter.
Deep River,	" 164,	"	William T. Bain.
Skewarkee,	" 90,	"	"
American George,	" 17,	"	F. M. Capehart.
Cherokee Lodge,	" 146,	"	Alex. Murdock.

AMOUNT OF DUES

Paid by Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

FOR 1856.

St. John's Lodge,		No.	1,		15 00	
Royal White Hart Lodge,		"	2,		15 00	
St. John's,	"	"	3,		15 00	
Phœnix,	"	"	8,		15 00	
Stokes,	"	"	32,		15 00	
Hiram,	"	"	40,		15 00	
Concord,	"	"	58,		15 00	
Perseverance,	"	"	59,		15 00	
Kilwinning,	"	"	64,		15 00	
Eagle,	"	"	71,		15 00	
Golden Fleece,	"	"	74,		15 00	
Widow's Son,	"	"	75,		15 00	180 00
Greensboro',	"	"	76,		15 00	
Sharon,	"	"	78,		30 00	
Charity,	"	"	79,		15 00	
Zion,	"	"	81,		15 00	
Mount Moriah,	"	"	82,		15 00	
Lafayette,	"	"	83,		15 00	
Fellowship,	"	"	84,		15 00	
Morning Star,	"	"	85,		15 00	
Enfield,	"	"	88,		15 00	
Skewarkee,	"	"	90,		15 00	
Western Star,	"	"	91,		15 00	180 00
Joseph Warren,	"	"	92,	15 00		
Half of 11 certificates,				2 75	17 75	
Jerusalem,	"	"	95,		15 00	
St. John's	"	"	96,		15 00	
Wake Forest,	"	"	97,		15 00	
Fulton,	"	"	99,		15 00	
Catawba Valley,	" for 1855,	"	100,		15 00	
Warren,	"	"	101,		15 00	
Columbus,	"	"	102,		15 00	
Orr, balance due,	"	"	104,		13 00	
Perquimans,	"	"	106,		15 00	133 00
Clinton,	"	"	107,		30 00	
Belmont,	"	"	108,		15 00	

Wentworth,	Lodge		No. 111,	15 00	
Wayne,	"		" 112,	15 00	
Holly Spring,	"		" 115,	15 00	
Germanton,	"		" 116,	15 00	
Mount Lebanon,	"		" 117,	15 00	
Mount Hermon,	"		" 118,	15 00	
William R. Davie,	"		" 119,	15 00	
Logan,	"		" 121,	15 00	
Tuscarora,	"		" 122,	15 00	180 00
Franklinton,	"		" 123,	15 00	
Clinton,	"		" 124,	15 00	
Mill Creek,	"		" 125,	15 00	
Sunsbury,	"		" 126,	15 00	
Blackmer,	"		" 127,	15 00	
Hanks,	"		" 128,	30 00	
Dan River,	"		" 129,	15 00	
Radiance,	"		" 132,	15 00	
Mocksville,	"		" 134,	15 00	
Black Rock,	"		" 135,	15 00	
Lincoln,	"		" 137,	15 00	180 00
King Solomon,	"		" 138,	15 00	
Mount Energy,	"		" 140,	15 00	
Carolina,	"		" 141,	15 00	
Cane Creek,	"		" 142,	15 00	
Mount Vernon,	"		" 143,	15 00	
Taylor,	"	for 1855	" 144,	15 00	
Junaluskee,	"		" 145,	30 00	
Palmyra,	"		" 147,	15 00	
Wilson,	"		" 148,	15 00	
Adoniram,	"		" 149,	15 00	
Chalmers,	"		" 151,	15 00	
Scotch Ireland,	"		" 154,	15 00	
White Stone,	"		" 155,	15 00	
Rolesville,	"		" 156,	15 00	225 00
Mount Pleasant,	"		" 157,	15 00	
Knap of Reeds,	"		" 158,	15 00	
Beaumont,	"		" 160,	15 00	
Emmaus,	"		" 161,	15 00	
Yadkin,	"		" 162,	15 00	
Deep River.	"		" 164,	15 00	
Archer,	"		" 165,	15 00	
St. Pauls,	"		" 166,	15 00	
Winston,	"		" 167,	15 00	
Pleasant Hill,	"		" 168,	15 00	
Shallow Ford,	"		" 169,	15 00	

Blackmer,	Lodge	No.	170,			00	180 00
Delk,	"	"	171,			15 00	
Buffaloe,	"	"	172,			15 00	
Union,	"	"	173,			15 00	
George Wash'gt'n,	"	"	174,			15 00	
Pollocksville,	"	"	175,			15 00	
Mecklenburg,	"	"	176,			15 00	
Marlborough,	"	"	177,			15 00	
Siloam,	"	"	178,			15 00	
Lafayette,	"	"	179,			15 00	
Caldwell,	"	"	180,			15 00	
Carthage,	"	"	181,			15 00	
Centre Grove,	"	"	183,			15 00	180 00
Sandy Creek Lodge Charter,						9 00	
" " " Dispensation,					4 00	13 00	
Pine Forest, for Charter,						9 00	
Central Cross,	"					9 00	
Palfour,	"					9 00	
Taylorsvile,	"					9 00	
Fair Bluff,	"					9 00	
Granite,	"					9 00	
Burnsville,	"					9 00	
Unanimity, (Revived)						9 00	72 00
1857. Jan. 28,	Conohoe	Lodge,	No.	131,		15 00	
" Feb. 3,	Townsville,	"	"	182,		15 00	
" " 16,	A'm George,	"	"	17,		15 00	
" " 25,	Cherokee,	"	"	146,		15 00	
" M'ch. 3,	Hiram,	"	"	98,		15 00	
" " 12,	Phalanx,	"	"	31,	2 years,	30 00	
" " 27,	Person,	"	"	113,		15 00	120 00
							$1660 75

SUBORDINATE LODGES

Working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

FOR 1856.

St. John's	No.	1,	Wilmington, New Hanover	Co.
Royal White Hart,	"	2,	Halifax, Halifax	"
St. John's,	"	3,	Newbern, Craven	"
Phœnix,	"	8,	Fayetteville, Cumberland	"
Johnson Caswell,	"	10,	Warrenton, Warren	"
American George	"	17,	Murfreesboro, Hertford	"
Phalanx,	"	31,	Charlotte, Mecklenburg	"
Stokes,	"	32,	Concord, Cabarrus	"
William R. Davie	"	37,	Lexington, Davidson	"
Hiram,	"	40,	Raleigh, Wake	"
Hall,	"	53,	Indian Town, Currituck	"
Concord,	"	58,	Tarboro, Edgecombe,	"
Perseverance,	"	59,	Plymouth, Washington	"
Kilwinning,	"	64,	Wadesboro, Anson	"
Eagle,	"	71,	Hillsboro, Orange	"
Golden Fleece,	"	74,	Milton, Caswell	"
Widow's Son,	"	75,	Camden C. H. Camden	"
Greensboro,	"	76,	Greensboro, Guilford	"
Sharon,	"	78,	Greenville, Pitt	"
Charity,	"	79,	Windsor, Bertie	"
Zion,	"	81,	Trenton, Jones	"
Mount Moriah	"	82,	Statesville, Iredell	"
Lafayette,	"	83,	Jacksonville, Onslow	"
Fellowship,	"	84,	Smithfield, Johnston	"
Morning Star,	"	85,	Nashville, Nash	"
Enfield,	"	88,	Enfield, Halifax	"
Skewarkee,	"	90,	Williamston, Martin	"
Western Star,	"	91,	Rutherfordton, Rutherford	"
Joseph Warren,	"	92,	Stantonsburg, Wilson	"
Jerusalem,	"	95,	Hookerton, Greene	"
St. John's,	"	96,	Kinston, Lenoir	"

Wake Forest,	No. 97,	Dunnsville, Wake	Co.
Hiram,	" 98,	Clinton, Sampson	"
Fulton,	" 99,	Salisbury, Rowan	"
Catawba Valley,	" 100,	Morganton, Burke	"
Warren,	" 101,	Kenansville, Duplin	"
Columbus,	" 102,	Pittsboro, Chatham	"
Pasquotank,	" 103,	Elizabeth City, Pasquotank	"
Orr,	" 104,	Washington, Beaufort	"
Perquimans,	" 106,	Hertford, Perquimans	"
Clinton,	" 107,	Yanceyville, Caswell	"
Belmont,	" 108,	Faison's Depot, Duplin	"
Franklin,	" 109,	Beaufort, Carteret	"
St. John's,	" 110,	Smithville, Brunswick	"
Wentworth,	" 111,	Wentworth, Rockingham	"
Wayne,	" 112,	Everettsville, Wayne	"
Person,	" 113,	Roxboro', Person	"
St. Alban's,	" 114,	Lumberton, Robeson	"
Holly Springs,	" 115,	Holly Springs, Wake	"
Germanton,	" 116,	Germanton, Stokes	"
Mount Lebanon,	" 117,	Wilson, Wilson	"
Mount Hermon,	" 118,	Asheville, Buncombe	"
Palestine,	" 120,	Gold Hill, Rowan	"
Logan,	" 121,	Jamestown, Guilford	"
Tuscarora,	" 122,	Oxford, Granville	"
Franklinton,	" 123,	Franklinton, Franklin	"
Clinton,	" 124,	Louisburg, "	"
Mill Creek,	" 125,	Mill Creek, Johnston	"
Sunsbury,	" 126,	Sunsbury, Gates	"
Blackmer,	" 127,	Clark's Creek, Montgomery	"
Hanks,	" 128,	Franklinsville, Randolph	"
Dan River,	" 129,	Madison, Rockingham	"
Fraternal,	" 130.	Rawlingsburg, "	"
Conoho,	" 131,	Hamilton, Martin	"
Radiance,	" 132,	Snow Hill, Greene	"
Alamance,	" 133,	Graham, Alamance	"
Mocksville,	" 134,	Mocksville, Davie	"
Black Rock,	" 135,	Black Rock, Brunswick	"

Leaksville,	No. 136,	Leaksville, Rockingham	Co.
Lincoln,	" 137,	Lincolnton, Lincoln,	"
King Solomon,	" 138,	Long Creek, New Hanover	"
Wilson,	" 139,	Gaston, Northampton,	"
Mt. Energy,	" 140,	Tranquility, Granville	"
Carolina,	" 141,	Carolina College, Anson	"
Cane Creek,	" 142,	Clover Grove, Alamance	"
Mount Vernon,	" 143,	Gholson's P. O., Chatham	"
Taylor,	" 144,	Pittsboro', "	"
Junaluskee,	" 145,	Franklin, Macon	"
Cherokee,	" 146,	Murphy, Cherokee	"
Palmyra,	" 147,	Averasboro, Harnet	"
Wilson,	" 148,	New Institute, Iredell	"
Adonirum,	" 149,	Youngs ⋊ Roads, Granville	"
Pee Dee,	" 150,	Norwood's, Stanly	"
Chalmers,	" 151,	Evan's Mills, Moore	"
Whitesville,	" 152,	Whitesville, Columbus	"
Mount Carmel,	" 153,	Scott's Hill, New Hanover	"
Scotch Ireland,	" 154,	Mt. Vernon, Rowan	"
White Stone,	" 155,	Wakefield, Wake	"
Rolesville,	" 156,	Rolesville, Wake	"
Mount Pleasant,	" 157,	Rogers' Store, Wake	"
Knap of Reeds,	" 158,	Knap of Reeds, Granville	"
Rocky River,	" 159,	Mudlick, Chatham,	"
Beaumont,	" 160,	Beaumont, Chatham	"
Emmaus,	" 161,	Hadley's Mill, Chatham	"
Yadkin,	" 162,	Yadkinsville, Yadkin	"
Mount Airy,	" 163,	Mount Airy, Surry	"
Deep River,	" 164,	Buffaloe Ford, Randolph	"
Archer,	" 165,	Creechville, Johnston	"
St. Pauls,	" 166,	Beatty's Bridge, Bladen	"
Winston,	" 167,	Winston, Forsythe	"
Pleasant Hill,	" 168,	Patterson's Store, Alamance	"
Shallow Ford,	" 169,	Shallow Ford, Alamance	"
Blackmer,	" 170,	Reems' Creek, Buncombe	"
Delk,	" 171,	Colerain, Bertie	"
Buffaloe,	" 172,	Buffalo, Moore	"

Union,	No. 173,	Kernersville, Forsythe	Co.
George Washington,	" 174,	Lassiter's ⋈ Roads, Chatham	"
Pollocksville,	" 175,	Pollocksville, Jones	"
Mecklenburg,	" 176,	Davidson College, M'ckl'b'rg	"
Marlboro',	" 177,	Marlboro', Pitt	"
Siloam	" 178,	Harrell's Store, N. Hanover	"
Lafayette,	" 179,	Leasburg, Caswell	"
Caldwell,	" 180,	Chapel Hill, Orange	"
Carthage,	" 181,	Carthage, Moore	"
Townsville,	" 182,	Townsville, Granville	"
Centre Grove,	" 183,	Summerfield, Guilford	"
Jordan,	" 184,	Reynoldston, Gates	"
Sandy Creek,	" 185,	Franklin County,	
Pine Forest,	" 186,	Harrington's, Harnett	"
Central Cross,	" 187,	Hunt's Store, Nash	"
Palfour,	" 188,	Ashboro', Randolph	"
Taylorsville,	" 189,	Taylorsville, Alexander	
Fair Bluff,	" 190,	Fair Bluff, Columbus	"
Granite,	" 191,	Stallings' Depot, Johnston	"
Burnsville,	" 192,	Burnsville, Yancy	"
Unanimity,	" 193,	Edenton, Chowan	"

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ring, A Lamont, D A Lamont, Robert Lee, H L Loghlin, D McMillan, A McRae, jr., Jas McLaranan, M McInnis, A Martin, D G M, Jas T Miller, Richard Morris, W H McDowell, Jas S Melvin, W H Marsh, A T McCollum, Thomas D Mears, T P Ricaud, F McMillan, C McMillan, G W Moore, J J McCallum, John Nutt, A F Newkirk, Isaac Northrop, P M., M Newhoff, N F Nixon, W J Price, E T Pigford, S J Person, J B Russell, T F Robeson, R G Rankin, J A Shines, Jas Snow, Jas Stokeley, Edward Serger, H L Schreiner, Julius Scott, A C Smith, J M Stevenson, D Teller, Wm H Turlington, L C Turner, Jno A Taylor, John D Taylor, W L S Townshend, T C Worth, S D Wallaec, J H Wright, R B Wood, W A Walker, J W Zimmerman.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John Walker, Sr., J Hathaway, J F McRee, Sr., Jas L Corbett, George R French, E P Hall, R L McComber, J R Whitaker, B Baxter, B Hallett, Jas F Post, James Cassidy, A A Wanit, George O Van Amringe, A P Repiton, S N Cannon, W N Peden, W D Smith, L H Marsteller, Jas T Morris, D McRae, R Strange, A McRae, Sr.; J T Schonwald, C D Ellis, J G Carr, D Sherwood, R Shaw, J T Morris.

Initiated 3, Passed 3, Raised 2, Rejected 1, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Admitted 6, Withdrawn 0, Died 1, Residents not masons, 29. Whole number 150.

Regular meetings last Thursday in each month.

ROYAL WHITE HART LODGE, No. 2, HALIFAX.

OFFICERS.

James H. Prince, Worshipful Master; James M Grizzard, Senior Warden; James H Northington, Junior Warden; William D Faucett, Treasurer; John O'Brien, Secretary; Augustus V Russell, Senior Deacon; W W Carter, Tyler; E A Pearson, Steward; Rich'd. H Walker, Junior Deacon.

MEMBERS.

E B Freeman, Honorary Member. James V Allen, Wm H Underhill, Wm W Daniel, jr., Jno D Weeks, Jas H Walker, Rev Thos G Lowe, Jas L Ousby, Fred S Marshall, Chas N Webb, Rev Jno N Andrews, Jno H Wood.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

W W Brickell, Dr M A Wilcox, Jno Campbell, Jno W Heptinstall, Dr John T Pope, Elisha P Green, Wm T Merryman, Jas Simmons, Dr L W Batchelor, Jas H Parker, H A Sledge, Wm H Ponton, Jas S Snow, Asberry Crowell.

Initiated 12, Passed 9, Raised 10, Residents not members, 14, Admitted 4. Whole number, 39.

Regular meetings first Saturday in each month, and on St. John's days.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 3, NEWBERN.

OFFICERS.

John D Flanner, Worshipful Master; D W Hurtt, Senior Warden; C C Clark, Junior Warden; D T Carraway, Senior Deacon; L Attmore, Junior Deacon; John F Jones, Secretary; Wm H Oliver, Treasurer; Wm H Jones, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

A T Jerkins, P G M, James Hayward, P M, John Harvey, P M, M A Outten, P M, Luther R Clark, W G Hall, W S Webb, W H Hancock, O L Dewey, George Cooper, J S Hunter, H P Whitehurst, J S Fowler, Jno N Benners, E R Stanly, S W Chadwick, S D Sparrow, Lacey Phillips, Peter Custes, M E G H P., A J Willis, Samuel Bishop, Thos R Wilson, M Mathews, B F Borden, B M Cook, E Hanks, J W Baxter, W S Delamar, W W Ormsbee, Wm Brewer, Wm J Parks, George Green, W C Hunter, W C Pittman, W C French, Jno D Whitford, Jos W Jones, R A Russell, Thos G Wilson, E S Hunter, Jno A Sampson, Jno Littleton, J G Arthur, Joseph A Hartley, C C Clark, C S Primrose, Jno A Gray, Jno L Gardner, R S Primrose, Alex Miller,

Francis Hawks, C A Hart, B J Perkins, F T Hawks, W H Marshall, A Latham, D D Sirmond, Norman Jackson, A F N Rolfe, J H Richardson, Jesse B Moore, J Disosway, H C Wood, Jno B Stanly, Z Brown, Wm Weinstein, Wm H Oliver, B A Oglesby, J L Rhem, Needham Case, C Lowenberg, G W Wallace, Wm Wilson, T C Wallace, H O Wood, D T Carraway, H H Brinson, Jno A Hodge, Jos A Davis, S F Fulford, S B Fletcher, H S Lee, Levin Lee, P C Ferrell, Josephus Smith, C B Wood.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John Blackwell, Alex Mason, Thos Jerkins, James Miller, S B Forbes, Jas C Cole, James Jones, J Chatterton.

Initiated 3, Passed 3, Raised 5, Withdrawn 1, Admitted 1, Expelled 0, Suspended 0, Deaths 6. Whole number 95.

PHŒNIX LODGE, NO. 8, FAYETTEVILLE.

OFFICERS.

A M Campbell, Worshipful Master; H C Lucas, Senior Warden; G W J Golsdton, Junior Warden; Warren Prior, Treasurer; James B. Ferguson, Secretary; George H. Makepiece, Senior Deacon; James McPherson, Junior Deacon; David Wemyss, Tyler; Rev. James McDaniel, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

Jos Arey, Past Master. C. W. Andrews, W. Alderman, S S Arey, Wm Butler, J. C. Baker, Isham Blake, James Banks, D M. Buie, J L Brian, W D M Bruton, Geo. Brandt, W H Carver, L D Cain, D. Callyhan, T W Devane, J. N. Crosby, Geo. Cromartie, J T Council, A K Crosland, James Dodd, R. D. Davis, W Draughon, H Erambert, W S Fowlks, B Fittzrandolph, E Glover, Rev. C F Harris, A P Hurt, I F Hornrine, Rev C P Jones, A J Jones, M W Jessup, J McD Jessup, W. E. Kirkpatrick, Nathan King, H M C Luther, T S Lutterloh, J W Lett, W Mitchell, Alex Murchison, R H Murphy, W Melvin, Joseph Melvin, J M Monk, R P Melvin, J B Massamore, J W Murphy, A N McDonald, H A McSwain, Jas McPherson, J W McLauch-

lin, John McRae, P M., Duncan McNeill, J A McRae, J. A McDowell, J R McDonald, J E. McMaster, A S McKay, J A McLauchlin, D J McAllister, D G McDuffie, Thos McDowell, R M Orrell, A. J O'Hanlon, T H Pemberton, B F Pearce, P P Rollins, J B Starr, W B Shemwell, W B. Smith, A Spence, W J Smith, E Turlington, T R Underwood, S F Venable, Wm Vink, Wm Warden, J M Williams, P A Wiley, E L Winslow, P. M., J B Walton, A H Whitfield, J A Worth, J D Williams, George Lauder, W Whitehead, Jno Lawrence.—No. Members, 97.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

George McNeill, J Maxwell, D G McRae, Wm Booth, T Waddell, J W Sanford, J C Poe, Chas Banks, T J Curtis, E J Hale, N A Stedman, B Rose, W J Anderson, O P Stark, W T Horne.

Initiated 3; passed 4; raised 3; rejected 1; suspended 2; admitted 5; withdrawn 2; died 1; resident masons not members 15; whole number 112.

Regular time of meeting first and third Friday in each month.

JOHNSON CASWELL LODGE, NO. 10, WARRENTON.

OFFICERS.

Littleton Upshur, Worshipful Master; Thos J Judkins, Senior Warden, Jos J Egerton, Junior Warden, Willis P. White, Secretary; John M Wilson, Treasurer; Jno W Fisher, Senior Deacon, Wm A Jenkins, Junior Deacon; W. H. Minor, Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS.

H I Macon, R A Ezell, T S Rrownlow, J H Riggan, P J Turnbull, Wm H Bobbitt, J M Williams, Samuel A Williams, Samuel E Phillips, L O Wilcox, M K Beckham, Lewis Bobbitt, A G Jones, Blake B Baker, Hugh J Jones, Wm R Mountcastle, Alfred Alston, W L Green, Jacob August, E C Waddill, N T Green, John Read, Wm Burge, Peter D Powell, J W Alston,

Thomas J Holt, W W Alston, J W Alston, J L Evans, J J M Collins, J P Shearin, Jno P Harris, Wm W Danie!, Robt Loudon, Kintchen H Harper.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; expelled 1; withdrawn 7; died 2; whole number 43.

AMERICAN GEORGE, NO. 17, MURFREESBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

Isaac Baugham, Worshipful Master; George A Brett, Senior Warden; James M Wynn, Junior Warden; R. F. Hart, Secretary; Eli Carter, Treasurer; Jas H Vinson, Senior Deacon; F. A. Nolley, Junior Deacon; G. D. Parker, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

F. M Capehart, A W Moore, A Brett, Jas Early, P Jordan, William Darden, F. C., Jas. C. Jenkins, F C., Wm. T Bynum, Joshua L Garrett, Wm H Darden, E. Johnson, E T Hill, Jas J Rochell, J T Beaman, Peter Copes, E P., M Sykes, Dr A J Askew, John H Bishop, R E Beal, Jas L Smith, H Francis, A. J Winborn, A E Grant, Wm T Paine, Willis Beale, Jno P Lee, Wm Jones, Thos Martin, Dr Cyrus Worrell, A Carter, J Pipkin, C Britt, A P Rawls, Matt Futrell, A D Ramsey, Dr R H Worthington, Jas S Flythe, Jesse D Smith, E P., Henry Griffin, L M Cowper, H M., E D Britt, H M., Jit R Darden, H M.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Samuel Moore, R S Parker, Thos J Deams, Lawrence Ely, Charles Vann, B Moore, A W Darden, M Duning, Dr. R H Shields, Jno A Anderson, Wm Boon, Howell Jones, H M Hayes, Rich'd Shaw, Jesse Darden, Jas C Wright, A Vinson, Wm R Sykes, Wm J Magett.

Initiated 1; Passsed 1; Raised 1; Rejected 1; Suspended 0; Expelled 1; Admitted 3; Withdrawn 1; Died 1; Residents not members 19; Whole number 69.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday night in every month.

PHALANX LODGE, NO 31, CHARLOTTE.

OFFICERS.

L S Williams, Worshipful Master; Robert Shaw, Senior Warden; Thos D Gillespie, Junior Warden; John M Springs, Secretary; F J Lourie, Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

T C Allison, Danl. Asbury, E H Andrews, S P Alexander, J W Adams, A Bethune, Jas S Berryhill, A R Barnhart, G C Cathey, Asa Chilson, J A Campbell, B H Davidson, J M Davidson, A J Dunn, E A, Alex Graham, John H Grier, T D Gillespie, Thos Gooch, J P Gillespie, A H Graham, W W Elms, C H Elms, W M Fry, J B Fulton, J K Harrison, Jas H Harris, F Hoorak, T D Harris, S J Lourie, P J Lourie, D Ledwell, J M Lancaster, John F Erwin, Wm Johnston, R G McLain, A H Martin, R H Maxwell, M J McCulloch, Charles Overman, J W Osborne, John Phelan, John M Potts, H M Prichard, F C., A C Steele, Adam Siler, Robert Shaw, Robert Stewart, J D Smith, J D Simmeril, H G Springs, S W Stowe, J M Saunders, J M Springs, S H Smith, F C., Wm Tiddy, Thos Trotter, Joshua Trotter, E Terres, Jonas Rudisill, F M Ross, D L Rhea, John P Ross, Jos W Ross, J B Robinson, S J Rickert, L S Williams, Wm Williamson, S H Walkup, M L Wriston, N Wilkinson, E A., Charles Wilson, James Wallace, E A., J H White, Leay Dricker, Jasper Stowe, Rufus Rankin, — Nosthey, J H Robinson.

Initiated 6; passed 8; raised 9; whole number 83.

STOKES LODGE, NO. 32, CONCORD.

OFFICERS.

R S Young, Worshipful Master; L S Bingham, Senior Warden; C N White, Junior Warden; A J York, Secretary; J A Patterson, Treasurer; D Coleman, Senior Deacon, S W Bracken, Junior Deacon; G W Kestler, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

E R Gibson, H A Brantley, John McDonald, R P Bessent, J C Benson, K P Harris, Martin L Bost, James N Brown, Jas T Houston, Wm Frew, J D Frazier, A C McKee, Sr., A C McKee, Jr., John A Gibson, R W Allison, G G Smith, A A Smithdeal, W F Phifer, Jackson L Bost, E M Corrill, Jethro Rumple, J F A Millon, Julius Black, Philip A Correll, W L McKee, Zeno Alexander, J B Moss, F M Henderson, E A., S B Martin, E. A.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John Rodgers, W B Smith, C F Harris, E R Barnhardt.

Initiated 2, Passed 2, Raised 3, Residents not members, 4, whole number, 37.

Regular meetings the last Friday night in each month, Tuesdays of each Court, and St. John's days.

WILLIAM R. DAVIE LODGE, NO. 37, LEXINGTON.

OFFICERS.

George Riley, W Master; Jas A Long, Senior Warden; James M Leach, Junior Warden, Eli Perry, Treasurer; A C Hege, Secretary, J L Pledger, Senior Deacon; Bennett Nooe, Junior Deacon; J L Johnson, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John A. Holt, Osborne Spence, Henry E Rounsaville, James S Caldcluegh, Hilem D Brummel, James P Stimson, Alexander B Caldcleugh, A D Montgomery, Robert Rurns, S J Piggot, Lewis Gumb, Patrick Howard, John Ferabee, F H Nothern, Thos Simmons, H H Grindstaff, Robert A H Caldcleugh, Samuel H Pendleton, James V Simmons, J B Shelton, F., William Lewis, F., G D Russel, E., A H March, F.

Initiated 4, passed 5, raised 1, died 2, resident masons not members 1, whole number, 31.

Regular meetings first Friday in each month.

HIRAM LODGE, NO 40, RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

Wm G Hill, W Master; Wm D Williams, Senior Warden; J M Betts, Juaior Warden; J J Christophers, Secretary; D King, Treasurer; A Johnson, Senior Deacon; W Holloman, Junior Deacon; J S Terrell, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Wm J Lougee, W W Johnson, H P Tucker, R W Sewell, W D Cooke, W D Haywood, O L Burch, C W Hutchings, H W Miller, T B Fentress, J M Harris, J W Cosby, Solomon King, Wm G Hill, I Proctor, Wm H High, A Johnson, J J Ryals, D King, Thos R Debnam, Aaron Wolworth, I Beckwith, M B Barbee, J M Betts, Calvin Jordan, Wm C Doub, J L Britt, P F Pescud, C E Ragan, W D Williams, Burton Dupree, Calvin Betts, Wyatt Holloman, Eli Dupree, Samuel G Dupree, B F Benton, T W Bell, F H Jones, Wm E Lee, H S Wilton, T L Clayton, A Adams, Jonas Mathews, D Lewis.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Wm Hill, Sr., Dabney Cosby, L E Heartt, James Litchford N S Earp, K Rayner, H D Turner, E B Freeman, A J Lawrence, C H Johnson, J R Harrison, H W Husted, John Young, James Reid, Wm F Collins, J M Lovejoy, E Yarborough, E P Guion, Wm Boylan, J D Newsom, Wm Cooke.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 23; died 0; residents not members 16; whole number 44.

CONCORD LODGE, NO. 58, TARBORO.

OFFICERS.

David Cobb, W Master; B W Mabry, Senior Warden; Elisha Cromwell, Junior Warden; Louis Bond, Treasurer; L C Pender, Secretary; Wm S Long, Senior Deacon; Wm Harrell, Junior Deacon; Joseph H Brown, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James Mehegen, H T Clark, Mayo Worsley, Thos. C Hussey, L B Brown, Kenneth Thigpen, Rev. John F. Speight, Dr Geo C Sugg, Noah Leggett, Benj Batts, Wm S Baker, B B Barron, M C Cherry, John J Garrett, Andrew J Cotton, Gray Cobb, Joshua L Horn, John Knight, Sr., R H Pender, Dr. Jos. J Garrett, Wm D Mercer, J J B Pender, Samuel Marshborn, J O Oats, John Knight, Jr., Newsom Alsobrook, Samuel Hyman, W W Harper, Charles Mabry, Wm D Petway, Dr John R Mercer, Wm S Duggin, Frank M Parker, R H Garrett, E G Worsley, C H Jenkins, Wm F Knight, James Pender, John A Knight, Jos H Hyman, B P Pitt, Britton Howell, Thos Oberry, Wm Norfleet, James A Cobb, Wm F Mercer, David B Bell, Jos D Jenkins, Jas F Jenkins, L S Dunn, L D Johnson, David Pender, Nathan Mathewson, H A Todd, C B Killibrew, A J M Whitehead, Leonidas Little, Gray L Brown.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Dr N J Pittman, Jesse H Powell, R D Wimberry, Dr James J Phillips, Robt Norfleet, Robert R Bridges, John F Hughes, Benjamin M Jackson, Charles E Neal, John P Stewart, Epenitus Cromwell.

Initiated 6, passed 4, raised 4, rejected 3, withdrawn 4, died 1, resident masons not members, 11, whole number 67.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each month.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 59, PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS.

H B Short, Worshipful Master; Joseph Ramsey, Senior Warden; H A Gilliam, Junior Warden; T B Nicholls, Treasurer; William Bagley, Secretary; Isaac Kelly, Senior Deacon; B W Foster, Junior Deacon; T W Skirven, James H Smith, Stewards; Wiley Whitaker, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thomas E Pender, Enoch Jones, Isaac Kelly, R H Bennett, F F Fagan, George W Pierce, J A Spruill, H H Spruill, John

McC. Bogle, James Magee, Lockhart Williams, James R Dillin, N D Norman, Goodman Durden, R Y Owens, Jno S Chatten, John Brown, James Brofy, G J Cherry, J B Griffin, J G Griffin, Edgar Hanks, Francis O'Neal, J F Phelps, C G Phelps, S H Sample; Hardy Hardison, James M Alexander, Benjamin T Sikes, George W Snell, Warren W Ward, Franklin Ward, Joseph Bratten, Silas Murray, John Simmons; S W Davenport, S H Beasley, T H Gilliam; J M White, S B Davenport, Isaiah H Wynne, A J Wynne, William T Owens, O W Davis, James W Davis, George T Moore, C G Davenport, Willoughby Ballance.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Alfred Winchell, Joseph C. Norcom, John C Pettijohn, Wm D Carstaphen, D E Jordan, Richard Wood, Thomas S Armisstead, E H Willis, James W Bell, S T Gaylord, Joseph E Short, William R Gaylord.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 3; died 2; residents not members 12; whole number 70.

Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday in each month and 24th June.

KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 64, WADESBORO.

OFFICERS.

Alexander Little, W Master; John Boylin, Senior Warden; Robert T Hall, Junior Warden; Samuel W Neal, Secretary; E F Lilly, Treasurer; Geo W Willoughbey, Senior Deacon; John Conick, Junior Deacon, E Hutchison, Tyler; A C Moore, W A Siles, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Milton Austin, A W Alexander, John W Bell, Rev John Beckwith, jr., Thos R Baldwin, W O Bennett, Jas Boggan, A E Bennett, Jas B Barrett, Jno J Cox, John Chears, Thos E Capell, Jas C Caraway, Rev. E David, Rev O A Darby, Jesse Ed

wards, Rev A J Evans, Eli Freeman, Chas A Frazier, Dr W H Glass, Thos D Gruet, Thos Hendly, B C Hutchison, Thos M Hamilton, Jas L Ingram, Hugh M Ingram, Dr. W G Jones, Eli F Kendall, W P Kendall, L R Legrand, John P Little, E R Liles, Jas P Livingston, Neil McComace, John Q McPherson, Dr Albert Myers, Rev J L McGregor, Jno Ruscoe, Robt N Ross John Robinson, H W Robinson, Thos Ratcliff, Wm Tiddy, Jr., Rev E Thompson, Tilman A Vestal, M C Vick, Jas T Streater, E H Streater, John D Smith, Thos G Saunders, Jos P Smith, P G Smith, Levin Woolen, W W Wilkins, R H Tillman, E A., R Buchanan, E A.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

A J Dargan, Rev. S H Browne, Rev. A L Stough, Jos White, Solomon V Simons.

Initiated 10, passed 11, raised 11, rejected 1, residents not members 5, whole number 70.

Regular meetings, first and third Friday in each month, except in January, March, April, July, September and October, at which times the first regular meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday, being Court week.

EAGLE LODGE, No. 71, HILLSBORO'.

OFFICERS.

Thomas Webb, Worshipful Master; Thos Lynch, Senior Warden; William H Bailey, Junior Warden; Jos Allison, Treasurer; Pride Jones, Secretary; J M Wolf, Senior Deacon; J D Faucett, Junior Deacon; R F Pleasants, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Wm Nelson, J J Allen, J J Allison, Giles Allison, J Q Anderson, Thos J Cate, Wiatt Cate, C L Cooley, John A Cox, Alex Dixon, J C Douglas, B L Durham, C J Freeland, Thos J Freeland, Dennis Heartt, Wm Horton, Wm P Hughes, J F Lyon, H C McCauly, Wm McCown, A C Murdock, S P Moore,

D A Montgomery, J M Palmer, J H Parish, Henry Richards, T V White, W J Freeland, W N Strayhorn, Ed M Scott, G W Tate, Wm A Faucett, C E Parish, J A McMannin, J Mc Crackin, James Gill, C G Strayhorn, Rob F Morris, D T Gordon, T S Cate, J T Holloway, R N Hall, Charles Wilson, H K Nash, W S Long, Samuel Hanner, Levi Whitted, Wm B Lynch, J Nicholas, Wm B Gordon, W N Patterson, Wm F Bason, Solomon Allen, Jonathan Nichols, W C Roberts.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Hou F Nash, Hon J L Bailey, George Laws, Chas Latimer, J McCown, E Srudwick, D D Phillips.

Initiated 4; passed 3; raised 2; rejected 2; suspended 1; reprimanded 2.

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE, No. 74, MILTON.

OFFICERS.

Robert H Lewis, Worshipful Master; Alfred L Bale, Senior Warden; Samuel B Jennings, Junior Warden; Isaac Ottinger, Treasurer; George W Thompson, Secretary; Rufus G Dunn, Senior Deacon; Willie J Palmer, Junior Deacon; W H Keersey, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin Hines, Robert H Lewis, David Patterson, Samuel B Jennings, James M Allen, Alfred L Bale, Wm H Keersey, John W Lewis, George W Thompson, E B Holden, Thomas A Donoho, John Word, Charles R Dodson, Fleming Word, Wm M Richardson, Abner R Terry, Isaac Ottinger, Willie J Palmer, John T VanHook.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John Wilson, Samuel B Holder, Montford McGehee, Samuel Watkins, Jarvis Frion, Wm K Hill, Dr W L Stamps, William Irvin, jr.

Initiated 2; withdrawn 5.

WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 75, CAMDEN C. H.

OFFICERS.

Thos Palmer, Worshipful Master; C C Williams, Senior Warden; W B Ferebee, Junior Warden; S B Tillett, Treasurer; J A Spencer, Secretary; Walter Forbes, Senior Deacon; W A Duke, Junior Deacon; C P Walston, Tyler; E L Dozier, Steward; E Forbes, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

Jesse C Bell, Walter E Forbes, Philip Dozier, M S Boushell, M S Morrisett, Edwin Berry, Wm Newbern, Thos Lewis, Luke Gregory, John P Burfoot, H C Bright, F B Gilbert, L P Morrisett, Noah McPherson, James M Gregory, Wm Sawyer, Isaac Morrisett, James Chamberlin, Joseph C Ferebee, Jonathan B Tillett, James M Ferebee, Enoch Sawyer, Dr J A Taylor, Joseph S Jones, Joseph D Lamb, Wm H Riggs, D H Tillett, Luke Lamb, Dempsey Burgess, Dempsey Trotman, R R Jirkins, S W Gregory, T S Morrisett, Abel Gallop, David Duncan, G A Spencer, D B Morrisett, S D Grice, Joseph Wilson, Wm G Wilson, Wm R Cowell, M S Morrisett, Thomas Sanderlin, Stephen P Wilson, Edmund Mercer, Wm T Hinton, John B Jones, Ambrose Dozier, J W Hinton, W W Williams, T C Humphries, J A Brockett, John Halstead, Hilliard Baxter, Wm S Mercer.

Initiated 16; passed 7; raised 4; admitted 5; died 4; residents not members 6; whole number 72.

GREENSBORO' LODGE, No. 76, GREENSBORO'.

OFFICERS.

John F Howlett, Worshipful Master; Thos J Patrick, Senior Warden; John A Pritchett, Junior Warden; Samuel M Parish, Secretary; James F Jollie, Treasurer; W P Moring, Senior Deacon; Joseph Sears, Junior Deacon; H J Warren, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

D E Albright, Geo Albright, jr., Wm Archer, W K Blake, H H Brady, O Boon, A M Burch, K M Coble, D P Coble, J

M Clymer, N G Crier, J L Cole, H W Cole, J J Chitty, C A Colby, R W Denny, C F Deems, Thomns Davis, W A Dunn, James Dick, J P Denney, F A Dowler, J Donnell, John Endy, J H Gardner, A B Gardner, A T Gorrell, E T Garrett, B G Graham, D P Gregg, J B Gretter, J W Howlett, Joab Hiatt, John Hiatt, Nathan Hiatt, J B Haskins, Dr Haskins, W S Hill, E Housier, Jobez Irwin, M Jordan, B D Johnson, J H Livingston, J H Lindsay, jr., Jed H Lindsay, Joe Mitchell, S W Mitchell, John Moring, C S Moring, W D McMurray, N P McMurray, David McKnight, J W McConnell, Eli O Macey, R H Massey, R D McCuistin, J Khul, W R McCuistin, W A McKinny, David Kersey, Joe Kirkpatrick, A P Newhart, J D Poindexter, B H Stanmier, D N Sherwood, L Summerell, D G Steward, P C Scott, T J Sandridge, H Schneider, C A Shultz, A P Sperry, J D Springs, Joe Shelton, Thos Scott, W G Scott, R D Thorn, Isaac Thornburg, W Tate, W R Unthank, S W Westbrooks, J A Weatherly, A Whittington, Albert Whittington, F W Watson, E G Watson, Samuel White, W Wilson, Caleb White, S V Young, W M Young, Sanford Simpson, W J Parker, J W Parker, R B Prother, Joseph Houston, J Kirkman, Peter Thurston, D M Thorn, T M Whittington, J E Gamble, M S Sherwood, H H Prother, C A Sperry, L J Hawley, W C A Frerichs, Dr Glenn, N H Hanner, Jno B Marsh.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J M Dick, R Gorrell, L Swain, C P Mendenhall, David Scott, Sr., J Dodson, W H Canny.

Initiated 8; passed 7; raised 8; rejected 2; suspended 1; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 7; whole No. 118.

Regular meetings first Saturday in every month, and Tuesday night of Courts.

SHARON LODGE, No. 78, GREENVILLE.

OFFICERS.

William T Marsh, Worshipful Master; Stephen E Milburn, Senior Warden; Walter S Hanrahan, Junior Warden; Guil-

ford W Cox, Senior Deacon; William L Cherry, Junior Deacon; James D Doughty, Treasurer; Henry R Congleton, Secretary; George L Pritchett, Tyler, Franklin Bell, Taylor Meeks, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Marshal Dickerson, Goold Hoyt, James Nelson, Josiah Worsley, Bynum Teal, S S Spain, Henry P Bryan, Kinchen Barnhill, R H Blount, Jordan Nelson, Wedegan Moore, Henry C Jordan, A G Jordan, B F Hazzleton, Jesse Adams, James Murray, Hardy Johnson, Charles Rountree, J C C Jenkins, Riley Stocks, Luther Barnhill, Montgomery Spier, Wm A Spier, Sidney Daniel, Simon Congleton, Willie Cobb, Thomas Taylor, Titus Allen, Samuel Vines, Lenier Ward, Willie Nobles, Caleb Cannon, Jesse Harris, Wm H Perkins. Peter Rives, Thomas A Gorham, Henry Fleming, Josephus Braddy, Myer Rice, Wm L Mooring, Jno J Spier, Hyman Langly, H G Barnhill, E C Yellowby, Shade Rogers, Henry W Brown, Jno G James, Wyatt M Brown, Montgomery Long, Wm M Crisp, Tilmon R Cherry, James C Cherry, J W L Nobles, Samuel Brown, Henry Martin, Henry Wilks, Wm C Brown, Joel E Bryan, Wm Dawson, Archibald Beddard.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Benj Brown, James S Clark, Churchill Perkins, George W Johnson, B G Albritton, Fenner B Satterthwaite.

Initiated 7; passed 7; raised 8; expelled 7; withdrawn 3; died 2; residents not members 6; whole number 70.

CHARITY LODGE, NO. 79, WINDSOR.

OFFICERS.

William P Gurley, Worshipful Master; Burrell B Russell, Senior Warden; Francis W Bird, Junior Warden; Thomas H Speller, Treasurer; Charles H Stevenson, Secretary; John S Shepperd, Senior Deacon; Arodi Piland, Junior Deacon; Joel Grizzard, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

W F McGlauhon, N H Thompson, Augustus Holley, Kader Biggs, Thos Henry, Jona J Rhodes, W R Swain, R H Smith, T W Reddick, Alfred Eason, J H Bunch, J N Webb, F H Winston, L S Webb, R P Freeman, Richardson Pierce, B J Spruill, R M Bridger, S B Smith, W H Spivey, W B Smith, Geo Wortham, Wm Tadlock, Stark Byrom, W G Rhodes, Moore Rawls, J W Saunders, W C Miller, G W Ward, C J Moore.

Initiated 3; passed 4; raised 3; withdrawn 3; whole number 30.

ZION LODGE, NO. 81, TRENTON.

OFFICERS.

John Shackelford, Worshipful Master; Joseph Whitley, Senior Warden; Francis Merritt, Junior Warden; ——— ——— Treasurer; Egbert W Haywood, Secretary; Simon E Koonce, Senior Deacon; Jno N Hyman, Junior Deacon; R J R Hatch, John Rhodes, Stewards; John Q Mallard, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J. M. Gunn, Zebedee Rush, A H Johnson, William A Cox, John S Koonce, Amos J Koonce, William B Becton, Simon E Koonce, William P Ward, William F Huggins, Joseph Whitley, Francis Merritt, R R J Hatch, John W F Rhodes, Jonas Jones, John Shackleford, John Q Adams, Egbert W Haywood, Richard F Green, John N Hyman, John N Nethercutt, J C B Koonce, E D Jones, J F Fisher, William McDaniel, F B Harrison, E B Isler, Furnifold Strickland, John Q Mallard, James G Stanley, E S F Giles, A G Eubanks, Benj Smith, Benj Brock, Calvin Koonce.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; died 1; resident masons not members 2; whole number 35.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 82, STATESVILLE.

OFFICERS.

R F Simonton, Worshipful Master; E M Campbell, Senior Warden; Other Gillespie, Junior Warden; R P Campbell, Treasurer; George Shuford, Secretary; Hugh Reynolds, Senior Deacon; Wm Long, Junior Deacon; J F Harbin, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James L Blackwell, Edwin Falls, T J W Kerr, W B Smith, J F Long, J W Long, W B Grant, A R Lawrence, W C Turner, R M Johnson, W S Nail, W F Wasson, W L Davidson, Willis Deaton, James Sloan, Wm F Morison, Henry N Smith, J M Brawley, J R Simonton, D D Salmon, M L Gunn, J A Allison, J L Baily, Adam Lantze, W H Watts, T J Pond, H F Elliott, Dr Hugh Kelly, A K Simonton.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John McLaughlin, Abraham L Masters, Jacob Davis, Dr. W S Tate.

Initiated 5; passed 4; raised 5; admitted 1; residents not members 4; whole number 37.

Regular time for meeting, on the second Friday night of every month, and on Tuesday night of each Court.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 83, JACKSONVILLE.

OFFICERS.

Elijah Murrill, jr., Worshipful Master; Ed W Ward, Senior Warden; George J Ward, Junior Warden; J B Frazel, Treasurer; J S Shivar, Secretary; J J Ellis, Junior Deacon; R F Pelletier, Senior Deacon; Duncan Frazel, Tyler; F S Humphrey, W P Pelletier, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

E W Montfort, R J Williams, L O Henderson, W F Manson, A J Murrill, John Cook, Ed W Fonville, Lewis O Fonville, M

L F Redd, C B Glover, Elijah Beasly, Wm E Shivar, J N Sanders, Braddock Hansley, F S Humphrey, David Marshal, W L Stephens, W D Humphrey, L W Humphrey, A J Johnston, Owen Huggins, Hill King, E W Sanders, J H Foy, R S McLane, Caleb Hewett, D A Humphrey, Ed Williams, J F Murrill, Samuel Shepherd, E F B Koonce, Jas R Fonville, Benj Greer.

Withdrawn 4.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE, NO. 84, SMITHFIELD.

OFFICERS.

John C Codner, Worshipful Master ; Wm H Cullom, Senior Warden ; K M C Williamson, Junior Warden ; Dr J R Thompson, Treasurer; Alfred Holland, Secretary ; A D Northam, Senior Deaoan ; R D Atkinson, Junior D eacou Z Hill, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J A Tunnell, J Q Adams, E Rogers, Duncan McPherson, P M, J E Allen, E M Certain, Wm H Morning, P M, Wm B Sanders, D A Powell, O L Dodd, Dr. A F Telfair, Wm R Lee, J Nowell, James W Pearce, H O Neal, R O Neal, W Earp, E R Powers, Matthew Boykin, A E Lockart, John Pool, J H Crawford, H H Atkinson, Aaron Lee, L J Williams, H B Watson, P M, C J Binghams, Ray Phillips, Wm R Hooks, Rev P J Carraway, Turner T Holland.

RESIDEFT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

David Lunceford, Thomas Lockart, P Richardson, Henry Guy, W R Moore, E Page.

Initiated 2 ; passed 2 ; raised 1 ; withdrawn 5 ; residents not members 6 ; whole number 39.

Regular time of meeting Tuesday night after the fourth Monday in each month, except June and December, then on St. John's days.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 85, NASHVILLE.

OFFICERS.

John H Drake jr., Worshipful Master; Benjamin H Sorsby, Senior Warden; Samuel W Marshbourn, Junior Warden; Benjamin H Blount, Treasurer; J J Q Taylor, Secretary; John H Rackley, Senior Deacon; E H Cockrell, Junior Deacon; Ruffin Griffin, Benj D Mann, Stewards; John R Griffin, C M Joyner, Marshals; H H Sorsby, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin H Vester, Jordan W Vester, William S Bryant, W T Arrington, John Powell, Wm P Sledge, John J Bunn, John E Lindsey, Willis Barbee, W W Parker, A J Taylor, John H Harrison, T J A Cooper, Howell Brasswell, John W Bryant, Ellen Mecom, Dr. N J Pittman, Arthur Freeman, W E Spicer, Jesse Beal, W. H Cooper, S J Batchelor, W B Bergeson, Wm Rentfro, G E B Singeltary, Sidney Bunn, Harrington Daniel, Spencer M Warren, Wright S Batchelor, John D Wilkerson, Duncan L Matthews, A W Battle, Dr. John G F Drake, Neverson W Cooper, Germon W Ward, A G H Cooper, Evan N Bryant, Geo W Cooper, John Cook, Burrel H Joyner, Calvin Cooper, R Bergeson, N W Arrington, jr., Geo C Deans, G B Bryant, James B Bergeson, Redman Thorn, William Weaver, W W Manning, Willis Warren, Thomas Battle, Francis M Bowden, Lawrence Battle, E A J G Fort, E A, Barnes Daniel, Whitmell Hopkins.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Dr Richard Shortt.

Initiated 5 i passed 4; raised 5; admitted 1; withdrawn 10; rejected 5; died 4; residents not members, 1; whole number 76.

Regular time of meeting, 4th Saturday in each month.

ENFIELD LODGE, No. 88, ENFIELD.

OFFICERS.

M C Whitaker, Worshipfnl Master; L H. Whitaker, Senior

Warden; John P McAuliffe, Secretary; John P Turner, Junior Warden; Asbury Crowell, Treasurer; James Higgs, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

T L B Gregory, Mat C Whitaker, Wm [illegible] Lane, Benj. Burnett, Arthur McDaniel, T Davis, Thos Howerton; Wm T Ellonor, Norfleet Cutchen, A Crowell, Jacob [illegible] Pope, Mason L Wiggins, John R Mason, John P Turner, L H Whitaker, S E Carlisle, Elisha Welley, Wm H G Sykes, John P McAuliffe, J W Brinkley, Alexander Mc Jones, John H Whitaker, Spotswood Shearman, E P Holland, Wm Burnett, John E Pittman, James A Pope, James Higgs, James Stallings, Wm Bryan, J J Westry, H Joyner, Nathaniel H Murphy, L W Batchelor.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

James Stamper, Elijah Pope, C B Corbitt, James Parker, L L Moore, James M Williams.

Initiated 8; passed 8; raised 7; admitted 1; died 1; whole number 40.

SKEWARKEY LODGE, NO. 90, WILLIAMSTON.

OFFICERS.

Jno D Latham, Worshipful Master; Lafayette Thrower, Senior Warden; Samuel W Watts, Junior Warden; Simon P Everett, Treasurer; James S Williams, Secretary; Turner E Barnhill, Senior Deacon; E B Forbes, Junior Deacon; J Commander, Jno H Thrower, Stewarts; Cader Abrams, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Jno D Latham, G L Moore, L Thrower, J H Thrower, Sam'l W Watts, James S Williams, Wm H Harrell, J J Martin, Wm W Ward, Dr Wm W Watts, Wm F Ellis, Sam'l Hutton, T E Barnhill, E B Forbes, S P Everett, Wm Stevenson, Jas Wm W Andrews, Cader Abrams, Mason Jones, R S Halsey, Jno Lipscomb, R B Smith, Wm R Whitley, Rev John D Holstead.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; admitted 4; whole number 25.

PARTIAL RETURNS OF THE WESTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 91, RUTHERFORDTON.

Initiated 5; passed and raised 4; Withdrawn 2; nonaffiliated 3; whole number of members 21.

JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, NO. 92, STANTONSBURG.

OFFICERS.

Jesse Sauls, Worshipful Master; A J Ellis, Senior Warden; L T Daniel, Junior Warden; R A Ellis, Senior Deacon; Bryant Minshew, Junior Deacon; Henry Martin, Secretary; Etheldred Sauls, Treasurer; Gabriel Lane, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Wright Edmondson, Henry Pope, Bryant Little, Martin Sauls, William Pope, Charles Ellis, J P Edmondson, Redmon Ellis, William Sauls, Barden Jones, Elias Bass, John Carter, Louis Ritter, J H Minshew, G H Barnes, Washington Barnes, Nathan Anderson, B T Outland, Willie Smith, W R Bass, W R Mattox, J H Applewhite, J F Daniel, Mordica Bass, John V Sherrard, Gabriel Sherrard, John T Weaver, Henry Gay, Willie Holland, Robert Harold, C C Peacock, W L Edwards, John Wilkinson, Abner C Wilkinson, J J Edmundson.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

N P Daniel.

Initiated 11; passed 11; raised 12; died 2; rejected 4; admitted 2; whole number 45.

Time of meeting the first Saturday in every month.

JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 95, HOOKERTON.

OFFICERS.

John H Coward, Worshipful Master; John M Patrick, Senior Warden; Irvin Jones, Junior Warden; Menan P Powell, Secretary; Redding Harper, Treasurer; W G Harper, Tyler; H C Edwards, Senior Deacon; W J Pope, Junior Deacon; J J Smith, Chaplain; J H Joyner, W T Dixon, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

C J Rountree, W R Frizzle, A Allen, P N Pitman, J W Dixon, C T Edwards, J J Ormond, N Harrell, Jesse Hart, F R Thomas, A McCoy, W F Edwards, J W Harper, R D Warren, J L Canida, C Cox, J Grizard, H D Harper, L G Lassiter, W H Rountree, Chas Edwards, S G Abbott, D Dixon, W Hooker, E Brooks, R Granger, D Munroe, N A Hooker, J P Nevil, J Artsfield, C Tucker, H Granger, D A Hill, S W Ormond, N Allen, S Bruton, W F Williams, J P Thomas, J B Stanley, B A Davis, C Edwards.

Initiated 9; passed 9; raised 9; rejected 2; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 2; whole number 55.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 96, KINSTON.

OFFICERS.

S H Rountree, Worshipful Master; Jesse Jackson, Senior Warden; R B Taylor, Junior Warden; James M Hines, Treasurer; N Hunter, Secretary; John Jackson, Senior Deacon; William Sutton, Junior Deacon; Lewis Kilpatrick, L A Mewborn, Stewards; J F J Sutton, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Henry F Bond, Wm B West, Jesse Cobb, H W Blount, J P Dunn, Amos Harvey, R J Herring, Wm G Taylor, Wm A Pugh, W F Mewborn, Jas B Webb, Alex Wilson, T A Heath, D H Phillips, Mathias Harvey, C L Davis, John S Davis, R E Davis, James G Davis, Wm Mosely, S J Sutton, G W Jones,

Thos W Rouse, John F Chatterton, Hugh Nelson, E A Best, J M Kirkpatrick, G W Venters.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Lewis C Desmond, Warren Kilpatrick, P Hardee, Richard W King, Thomas Woodley, J G Herring, Richard Kennedy, B F Davis, W W Dunn.

Initiated 9; passed 9; raised 9; rejected 1; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 9; whole number 47.

Regular time of meeting, the second Wednesday of each month.

WAKE FOREST LODGE, No. 97, DUNSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

Jas S Ray, Worshipful Master; Jas A Hicks, Senior Warden; Joseph Yeargin, Junior Warden; J H Norwood, Secretary; Pete Dunn, Treasurer; W L Terrell, Tyler; Thos Yeargin, Senior Deacon; T O Jeffreys, T C Robertson, Stewards; Rev W T Brooks, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

G W Norwood, J H Bell, E E Gill, Rev Jas S Purify, Dr Thos Hicks, Dr Henry Seawell, Dr J W Justice, Rev G W Purify, H A Murrell, H P Gill, J B Lassiter, J R Jeffreys, J R Cooper, S W Robertson, H L Ray, Allen Young, K P Hill.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Dr J B Dunn, P A Dunn, J R Dunn, Sion Rogers, Jacob Hunter, B D Simms, Turner Pullen, W J Eddins, R E Harris, N S Harp, Reddick Hunter.

Rejected 1; withdrawn 3; residents not members 11; whole number 39.

Regular time of meeting second Saturday in every month.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 98, CLINTON.

OFFICERS.

A B Chesnut, Worshipful Master; S B Kellett, Senior Warden; T L Pugh, Junior Warden; Isaac Boykin, Treasurer; J R Beaman, Secretary; John Vann, Senior Deacon; Wm H Herring, Junior Deacon; J A R Howard, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Isaiah Thompson, James M Moseley, Wm C Butler, John Bass, O M Johnson, Jas A Moore, John T Matton, Fleet Cooper, Allen M Blackburn, Francis Pugh, Hardy Herring, Ollen Williamson, Jas Armstrong, Wm H Smith, Thomas Underwood, Jas A Bizzell, Amos Herring, Wm E Pugh, Stephen Senter, L A Powell, Wm Williamson, Wright Gregory, Henry A Bizzell, A E McKoy, A S C Powell, Jonathan Carr, Thomas Moore, John T Fort, Peter W Ballard, John G Powell, Hugh McAlpin, E J Gregory, Jas F Shines, Everett Bass, John W Roberts, D W Jackson, Joel Jackson, Wm J Thompson, H H West, Jacob Underwood, John Barden.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Wm T Kerby, Everett Peterson, John Moore, J W Lane, H J Hobbs, A Monk.

Residents not members 6; whole number 49.

Regular time of meeting, third Friday in every month.

FULTON LODGE, No. 99, SALISBURY.

OFFICERS.

Julius D Ramsey, Worshipful Master; Alexander Murdock, Senior Warden; R H Smith, Junior Warden; Jno A Weirman, Secretary; Jas Slater, Senior Deacon; Robt Hendree, Junior Deacon; Benj F Fraley, Tyler; ——— Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

J M Brown, J D Brown, A W Buis, L Blackmer, A H Caldwell, J H Coffman, W Crawford, J F Chambers, J W Clarke,

J Correll, D A Davis, H H Dent, J Davis, J H Enniss, J W Ellis, W Emerson, R Harrison, E G Holder, R Hendree, G W Harris, R E Love, W Lambeth, E Myers, M S McKenzie, A Murdock, A J Mock, W Murdock, A M Nesbitt, W Overman, W Rouzee, T P Ricaud, J D Ramsey, Jno I Shaver, H C Simonton, J D Sheek, J J Summerell, C D Smith, R H Smith, D R Vanderson, Hugh Murdock, Jas Slater, Jno Steel, B F Fraley, H S Gorman, M Whitehead, O Woodson, J A Weirman.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 1; rejected 1; whole number 55.

Regular time of meeting first Friday in each month and Tuesdays of Court.

CATAWBA VALLEY LODGE, NO. 100, MORGANTON.

OFFICERS.

A Myers, Worshipful Master; Wm S Moore, Senior Warden; E J Kirksey, Junior Warden; J M Happoldt, Secretary; Larkin Terry, Treasurer; James B Kincaid, Senior Deacon; J M Bean, Junior Deacon; James M Kincaid, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Joseph J Erwin, Wm R Duval, M W Kincaid, G W Jarrett, Wm McD Howard, Thomas Martin, Calvin C Jones, Wm F McKesson, L W Melton, John M Carson, Robt McD Tate, Jas C S McDowell, J J Massey, R N Kincaid, E E Greenlee, Rev E J Meynardie, Robt Jackson McElrath, Martin Kibler, Meritt Burgin, F C., James A McRee, J W. McCurry, G H Avery, E A., A H McKee, Wm S Tate, James M Neil, Thos J Halliburton, E A., Rev R L Abernathy, John B Gibbs, E A., A C Hagler, F C., S A Bettes, E A., J G Peterson, E A.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Wm C Tate, S C W Tate, Junius C Tate, James McKesson, Ed Blackwell, Samuel McD Tate, B S Gaither, John Kincaid, Alex Perkins, Sen.

Initiated 3; passed 2; raised 2, rejected 1; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 9; whole number 49.

Regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in every month, and the Wednesday night of each Court for Burke County, and the Festivals of St Johns.

WARREN LODGE, No. 101, KENANSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

Henry Grimes, Worshipful Master; Thos J Carr, Senior Warden; John J Bizzle, Junior Warden; John P Charles, Senior Deacon; John D Abernathy, Junior Deacon; Wm Farrior, Secretary; N J Farrior, Treasurer; George Smith, Tyler; Patrick Merret, Steward.

MEMBERS.

J D Carr, O R Kenan, J W Hall, Gibson Carr, J Murray, Jas G Branch, J J Whitehead, J E Swinson, Benj Worthington, Jas Cannon, Oliver Herring, J H Judge, L G Bass, G W Wallis, G Taylor, A Boyet, J W Peterson, Wm Murray, G W Lamb, Wm J Houston.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J B Kelley, W H Stedson, A T Standford, J B Hussey, T J Kennair, Jas D Pearsall, R Stanly, L Oats, N Hall, Jas Southerland.

Rejected 1; withdrawn 1; residents not members 10; whole number 28.

Regular time of meeting Friday before the second Sunday in every month.

COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 102, PITTSBORO.

OFFICERS.

Wm S Gunter, Worshipful Master; Jno C Dennis, Senior Warden; Jno W Taylor, Junior Warden; W P Taylor, Treasurer; W J Jollie, Secretary; Jas T KcClenahan, Senior Deacon; Robt J Hatch, Junior Deacon; Wm McClenahan, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Neal, Wm Hathcock, S McClenahan, J S McClenahan, J B McClenahan, John A Hanks, Wm A Nash, H H Hatch, J W Hatch, W Pendergrass, O S Poe, O Newlin, Isaac Long, J W B Lassiter, Jos Thompson, S L Riddle, Wm D Riddle, J W Tinnin, Robert E Rives, Wm D Kirksey, L J Merritt, A J Stedman, H H Burke, N S Burke, R C Cotten, jr., West Harris, J Lamb, Thos E Glass, John Walker, R McIntosh, Jno R McIntosh, A Eubanks, R G Eubanks, Wm N Poe, Jesse Millikin, J J Jackson, W T Fox, J J Knight, A Murray, P McCoy, G R Griffith, J Q A Leach, J C Poe, O A Stedman, N A Ramsay, Rev A Gattis, Rev W B Richardson, Wm Wilcox, J A McDonald, Wm C Stedman, A P Stroud, H H Yeargin, E Montgomery, Wm H Watts, S Henly, H J Stone, J W Hackney, Wm Kivett, John McEllington, J J Collier, A B Gunter, Joseph Rosser, Thos J Minter, Jos J Taylor, F Farrell, S Yarborough, Wm Pickett, F C., Isaac Jackson, E P., W H Kirksey.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

S S Jackson, D Murden.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 6; admitted 1; withdrawn 11; rejected 1; died 2; residents not members 2; whole number 75.

Regular meeting first Tuesday night in every month, and on Tuesday evenings of every Court, also on the anniversaries of St. John.

ORR LODGE, No. 104, WASHINGTON.

OFFICERS.

Wm A Potts, Worshipful Master; John E Leggett, Senior Warden; Wm Shaw, jr., Junior Warden; Thomas Shaw, Treasurer; H G Jollie, Secretary; Wm A Harris, Senior Deacon; Charles H Latham, Junior Deacon; John Whitacre, Tyler; Rev Edwin Geer, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

John S Hawks, W L Kennedy, Benj M Selby, D H Latham, John Cherry, Paul Cornell, Jere Abbott, Charles G Buckman, Henry Carrow, Norton W Cook, James Ellis, Wm H Eversteen, Joseph A Farrow, Joseph W Gaskill, James H Farrow, Lewis H Hodges, Wm John Ellison, Henry Hodges, Jos J Hinton, John G Hodges, H F Hancock, Ed D Hoover, Sam W Lucas, Charles G Meyer, Jno B Ross, Jno B Bonner, Frederick Rue, Jas W Satchwell, Chas W Bonner, W J Gilge, Jno W Smallwood, Wm B Campbell, A Beaman, Wiley M Cherry, R A Chancy, Thos L Perry, Jno R Daniels, Wm G Murphy, S H Barrow, David H Farrow, Edwin G Hodges, N B Mitchell, Jno McGowan, E H Putnam, Wm W Brown, Samuel L Forbes, T A Macnair, Noah Beacham, Joshua Bell, William V Bonner, Thomas Carson, George E Buckman, Oscar Rue, Wm Satterthwaite, Rev Thos J Latham, Noah Hodges, P P Spencer, Adam Warner, H P Allen, J R Cherry, Danl Wharton.

Initiated 7; admitted 1; passed 1; raised 15; died 2; expelled 1; rejected 6; whole number 70.

PERQUIMANS LODGE, NO. 106, HERTFORD.

OFFICERS.

Joseph G Granberry, Worshipful Master; D Barclift, Senior Warden; Thos B Long, Junior Warden; J T Smith, Secretary; B Morris, Treasurer; Dr S W Streets, Senior Deacon M O Jordan, Junior Deacon; Jno G Berry, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Jona W Albertson, P M., Willis H Bagley, P M., Joseph M Cox, P M., Geo H Freer, Wm Felton, Darius White, M S Berry, M D Hathaway, Exum Stokes, Thos R Simpson, James L Gatling, Richard Felton, Wm A Mullen, A R Elliott, Jas C Skinner, Edward B Sutton, Timothy Billups, Nathan Bagley, Josiah H White, Watson White, Henry H Skinner, Rev Wm Grant, Wm Small, Dr. R C Jenkins, Josiah Townsend, Francis Barrow

Wilson M Fleetwood, Sam'l Sutton, Willis N Saunders, A L Butt, Rev Jno A Doll, Solomon Eason, James W Mullen, Rev J H Riddick, Josiah R White, Jesse C Jacocks, Rev Thos H Pritchard, A J Ownly, Rev Thos L Williams.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

E Brace, N Winslow, F Nixon, sen., Wm Nixon, Wilson Reed, Dr Jno N Butt, Jno L Ferrell.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 4; died 2; residents not members 7; whole number 54.

Regular meetings, first Saturday in every month, Monday night of Court weeks, the 24th of June, and the 27th of December.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 107, YANCEYVILLE.

OFFICERS.

A A Patillo, Worshipful Master; J N Montgomery, Senior Warden; W A Fretwell, Junior Warden; John A Graves, Treasurer; Jesse C Griffith, Secretary; C D Vinson, Senior Deacon; W H Chiles, Junior Deacon; Wyatt Walker, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

A Willis, Dr N M Roon, Dr A Gunn, R Ferguson, W P Watlington, John W Cobb, W H Henderson, C R Rice, Thos H Hatchett, John S Graves, Samuel B Blackwell, W G Blackwell, G Leath, Dr Thos C Dodson, S S Harrison, F L Warren, G W Pinnix, Dr J T Ware, Stephen Rice, W H Rice, Jas M Jones, W R Neal, Hon J Kerr, W M Loyd, J K Pinnix, E A., A Slade, C W West, F Graves, B H Carter, Thos J Watlington, Joseph M Swift, Saml B Cobb, Thos W Graves, A S Williamson, W J Tottan, Richd Maynard, Dr J D Wemple, James A Wilder, H Terrell, W L Corbett, M Nalan, R L Wright, W F Butler, W Hopkins, E A., F A Wiley.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

A A Mitchell, L Fitts, Dr W C Whitsett, J Weber, O C Fowler, T T Watlington.

Initiated 4; passed 3; raised 5; rejected 5; admitted 2; residents not members 6; whole number 53.

Regular time of meeting second Wednesday night in each month, the 24th of June and the 27th of December, and Tuesday nights of every Court week.

BELMONT LODGE, NO. 108, BEAR-SWAMP.

OFFICERS.

Jas W Blount, Worshipful Master; Jas R Hurst, Senior Warden; S Hill, Junior Warden; D Bowden, Treasurer; T Wright, Secretary; W Southerland, Tyler; D B Newton, Steward.

MEMBERS.

W M Bowden, Chas Bradley, H F Murphy, D Wright, W M Williamson, B Hodges, D K Kornegay, T B Hill, D Cobb, Jas Williams, J R Ezzell, R J Hunter.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

B Bowden, D Watkins, L R Loftin, W J Hill, H H Hodges, Joel Loftin, J Thompson, H W Faison, B C Bowden, B W Williams, C D Hill, J G Dickson, A R Hicks, H B Hurst, F B Millard.

Passed 1; raised 1; withdrawn 4; residents not members 15; whole number 20.

Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in every month.

WENTWORTH LODGE, NO. 111, WENTWORTH.

OFFICERS.

Nicholas Fitts, Worshipful Master; Charles H Duffer, Senior Warden; Levin Miner, Junior Warden; Wm M Ellington, Secretary; D K Humphreys, Treasurer; Wm F Johnson, Senior Deacon; Wm McCholister, Junior Deacon; J Q Montgomery, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

P M Archer, John A Alcorn, Thompson Brown, George W Burton, Richard A Ellington, John F Harvey, Daniel E Guer-

rant, E W Hancock, J Holderby, C M Holderby, James H Jefferson, Richard Johnson, R G Johnson, Gilbert A Lowe, Booker T Lillard, John W S Lowe, R N Lowe, A N Lowe, L L Lowe, J R McLean, John F Moore, James C Moore, Thos C Moore, Numa F Reid, R P Richardson, Sanford Rainy, James Reid, J D Wilson, J B Whittemore, John W Williams, R H Woodson, Robt M Young, Jeffrey T Bartee, Wm L Griffith.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 1; withdrawn 2; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday night before the first Sunday in each month.

WAYNE LODGE, No. 112, EVERETTSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

William Carraway, Worshipful Master; John C Rhodes, Senior Warden; William F Kornegay, Junior Warden; C F R Kornegay, Treasurer; John T Kennedy, Secretary, Eli W Hines, Senior Deacon; Lewis Martin, Junior Deacon; Samuel Loftin, Tyler; Wm Vernon, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

James McDuffie, Jesse J Baker, George W Collier, Charles F Dewy, George A Dudley, Josiah Fields, Cullen Flowers, R L Wooten, Thomas T Hollowell, John Warrick, John W Davis, Giles Kornegay, Council W Bizzell, Abraham Lane, John T Toler, Benjamin Futrell, Richard B Hatch, Ransom S Moore, William Robinson, John D Capps, John B Griswold, Henry L Bizzell, David G Janett, James C Borden, Elias B Wood, William B Whitfield, Barnabas S King, Gideon M Roberts, G Edwards, Eli Whitfield, Richard W Hamlet, Ingram Rhodes, Jno R Manly, Bryant C Wood, John R Pipkin, Wilbert J Futrell, Junius B Whitaker, George F Whitfield, John Cameron, G C Buckan, Johnson Peel, Joshua West, A S Davis, Dewitt C Sherrard, John S Moore, Robert Peel.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John E Becton, V G Hane, Richard Washington; John Wright, James K Gunn, David Cogdell, Allen Manly, M D Craton, Doctor Edwards, B H Stammire.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 7; rejected 2; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 10; whole number 65.

Regular time of meeting 2nd Saturday in every month except December, then on the 27th day.

PERSON LODGE, NO. 113, ROXBORO.

OFFICERS.

C S Winstead, Worshipful Master; Jno Baird, Senior Warden; Geo H Daniel, Junior Warden; Jones Drumwright, Treasurer; Robert Daniel, Secretary; Rev Wm R Webb, Senior Deacon; J J Ellison, Junior Deacon; S L Wiles, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Jno W Hunt, W F Reade, E G Reade, C H Jordan, P M., Rev J P Moore, Rev Wm O Reid, C H Bradsher, Wm Bradsher, John Barnett, Jno A Barnett, James Barnett, A Torian, G L Torian, M Fuller, Wm Daniel, S D Morgan, Sam'l Winstead, J R Marable, BB Link, Alex Walker, G W Trotter, Robt Bailey, J C Vanhook, jr., Thos H Nelson, T W Yellock, Thos T Satterfield, C Hamlin, Jas H Woody, Jas M Winstead, Allen Lunsford, E Ramsey, D C Jordan, Robt Moore, Benj R Moore, Robt Trim, Jno Jones, Byrd P Wagstaff, Jno A Bailey, B Moore.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J P Traynham, A R Moore, G B Sutherland.

Initiated 6; passed 6; raised 6; expelled 1; withdrawn 5; residents not members 3; whole number 47.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each month.

HOLLY SPRINGS LODGE, No. 115, HOLLY SPRINGS.

OFFICERS.

A J Woodward, Worshipful Master; D H Stephenson, Senior Warden; James M Jones, Junior Warden; A S Utley, Treasurer; S M Utley, Secretary; James Rogers, Senior Deacon; W R Stephenson, Junior Deacon; R A Crowder, Tyler; Thos G Whitaker, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

A K Clements, P. M., A W Betts, Gaston Utley, Isaac Hunter, James Woodward, G H Alford, L Williams, Alsey Hunter, P M., T J Utley, P B Burt, A N Betts, Alvin Betts, David Gardner, R M Brown, Abner Lashley, Arch Leslie, David Fuquay, T W Spence, J H Arnold, W F Blackwood, J L Johnson, J H Burt, Jas H Adams, Allen Betts, Elias Langston, Thos J Whitaker, Jno A Senter, W W Clements, John Gardner, Simeon Truelove; Alex Spence, Austin Jones, N Gardner, D D Senter, Thos Dupree, A E Rowland, James Hackady, Ing Spence, S W Douglas, W J Clements, H C Lashly, A J Blanchard, W J W Crowder, W H Senter, W H Stinson, S A Smith, Orren Williams, David Smith, Norman Matthews, L Penny, William Jinks, Anderson Page, Nat Dupree, Young Penny, R A Norden, S C Jones, W H Franks, Eli Carter, Cader Olive, R H Whitaker, G H Parker, D S Stinson, S J Utley, N A Spence, J B Steadman, J B Winston, G W Atkinson.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev P W Dowd, Rev J C Marcom, Rev J W F Rogers, Jno Whitehead, W C Steadman.

Rejected 2; admitted 1; died 1; residents not members 5; whole number 76.

Regular meeting Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, the 24th of June and the 27th of December.

GERMANTON LODGE, NO. 116, GERMANTON.

OFFICERS.

E B King, Worshipful Master; J B Kingsberry, Senior War-

den; Wm T Gannaway, Junior Warden; J S Gibson, Senior Deacon; W W Petree, Junior Deacon; R G Mays, Secretary; D R Leak, Treasurer; Wm S Leak, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Joel F Hill, Beverly Jones, Caleb Hill, Charles W McAnally, Thornton P Hampton, W W McCanless, Washington Payne, W W Stedman, A L Bitting, M H Guinn, D C Pepper, J W Bitting, F J Smith, W G Smith, Lee R Gibson, C B Ogburn, David N Dalton, Joseph A Bitting, Wm N Gibson, John M Rothrock, Abram Lewis, Joshua Bethel, J T Riddick, R D Hay, James S Hill, N S King, W P Rynson, R D Golding, B L Bitting, Jno H Bitting, Wm C Kingsberry, Sam'l C Hill, J E Shumate, Jno W Chambers

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

M T Benton.

Initiated 7; passed 7; raised 7; rejected 1; admitted 2; withdrawn 8; residents not members 1; whole number 34.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, NO. 117, WILSON.

OFFICERS.

Albert Farmer, Worshipful Master; Isaac B Farmer, Senior Warden; Jonathan T Dew, Junior Warden; David W Barnes, Secretary; Arthur D Farmer, Treasurer; Larry D Farmer, Senior Deacon; George H Griffin, Junior Deacon; James Tomlinson, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Joseph Barbee, Wm D Thorn, Wm D Farmer, Hardy F Barnes, Samuel J Barnes, Jas J Taylor, Irket Evans, Josiah Farmer, Calvin J Parker, Weeks Parker, Isaac W Ricks, John G Williams, John Coleman, Wm Barnes, James W Barnes, Alvin H Atkinson, Jacob H Barnes, Wesley Swift, Benj E Farmer, B F Foster, Kinchen Taylor, R W Clayton, John Gillumford, David P Shallington, Jas J Braswell, Jas H Armstrong,

John B Batts, Jesse W Williams, W L Qualls, Jacob D Farmer, Arthur B Dew, E T Mayo, Alfred Boykin, Robt M Cox, Wm T Gay, Willis N Hackney, Jacob Feidler, Wm Driver, B H Barden, Hugh Gallagher, Bennet Gay, Pomeroy Clark, Richard A Savage, Benj F Hocatt, Perry Taylor, John B Elliott, Jethroe W Aycock, Thos Carson, A J Simms, Jesse Pittman, John S Boykin, Warren Pittman, Thomas Tomlinson.

R NT M NS NOT MEMBERS.

W E J Shallington, Wm Tomlinson, Wm Skinner, Jacob Taylor, John W Farmer, Moses Farmer, Edwin G Clark, Levy Bryant.

Initiated 4; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 5; withdrawn 2; died 2; residents not members 8; whole number 61.

Regular time of Meeting, second Saturday in each month.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 118, ASHEVILLE.

OFFICERS.

G W Whitson, Worshipful Master; G T Speare, Senior Warden; Jas A Patton, Junior Warden; J B Rankin, Secretary; J M Israel, Treasurer; K B Vance, Senior Deacon; Z B Vance, Junior Deacon; Rev John Reynolds, Chaplain; W J Dickenson, Tyler; D C Taylor, J W Wilson, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Jas W Patton, J R Osborne, T W Atkin, Joshua Roberts, D J Roberts, Danl Reynolds, T T Patton, W W Reynolds, J M Blair, E H Cunningham, John Burgin, Alex Henry, J F Parks, J C Whitson, John E Patton, G W Shackelford, Wm Bryson, W L Hilliard, John L Neill, R G A Love, M J Fagg, Samuel L Love, J R Neill, R M Henry, J Keener, Rev U Keener, M L Williams, P Roberts, M L Neilson, J A Fagg, E Rowley, John Baxter, A E Baird, J M Carson, H F Wolstenholme, R V Welch, J L Smith, Chas Moore, J Curtis, L Clayton, A J Miller, Rev William Hicks, E M Orr, M M Gaines, J L Crumley, Thos Curtis, T J Harkins, E W Chanceaulme, J S T Baird, J

L Moore, W G Candler, J J Kimsey, T A Brevard, Rev A W Cummings, W F Parker, A F Harris, T W Murrel, Ed J Aston, A Burgin, F C., Wm L Henry, F C., R P Deaver, F C., John Richardson, E A., J B Allison, E A., John Hildebrand, E A., Solomon Cunningham, E A., Jas M Stevens, E A., H A Boone, E A., W P Fortune, E A.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev Dr Chapman, Joel Sullivan.

Initiated 10; passed 8; raised 5; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 2; whole number 81.

Regular meetings, first Friday of each month.

LOGAN LODGE, NO. 121, JAMESTOWN.

OFFICERS.

P N Wheeler, Worshipful Master; S T Pickens, Senior Warden; G W D Causey, Junior Warden; J W Patterson, Treasurer; W H Reece, Secretary; W G Sapp, Senior Deacon; W P Lindsay, Junior Deacon; J Church, Tyler; Dr S G Coffin, and N M Gardner, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Matthew Hedgcock, Haly Brown, Dempsey Brown, James N Millis, Ham'l Armfield, W H Hunt, C J Wheeler, Nathan Beard, M M Wheeler, L M Leach, Jas Sulliven, M Jones, W W Roberts, J C Lamb, S C Sapp, Wm Lamb, C J Wheeler, Rev Thomas Barnum, Rev B Craven, Rev J N B Alford, Rev Jas A Crouch, Rev Jacob Guyer, Rev Joseph Causey, Rev Alson Gray, Dr J L Robins, G A Carpenter, E Stephens, T F Merritt, D W Edwards, J M Armfield, Wm O'Kelly, K M Morrison, Henry Ledbetter, Eli Gordon, L L Woodburn, H Bandy, F S Carpenter, R H Eaton, J B Davis, Robt Coe, Nathan Mills, J A Woodburn, Robt H Gray, M H Ledbetter, B F Sulliven, Jas J Gordon, J C Hedgcock, H H Horney, E E Pitts, E T Blair, G B Lamb, J W Freeman, O M Dixon, Richard J Mendenhall, W N Armfield, W T Wright, W J Hicks, J F Leach, H W Horney,

E Hedgcock, Jacob Hedgcock, Wm Hedgcock, Nathan Wright, B N Stephenson, Math Osburn, H H Beeson, A C Bales, H M Briggs, T S Robertson, Philip Jeans, B Z Hunt, A B Hinshaw, Jed Wright, B F Briggs, E Hayworth, E W Frazer, J H Jones, John S Binns, James Robertson, Peter Martin, John W Bales, Jas H Blalock, F C.

Initiated 4; passed 5; raised 2; expelled 1; whole number 91.

Regular meetings, first Saturday after full moon.

TUSCARORA LODGE, NO. 122, OXFORD.

OFFICERS.

Dr Z M Paschall, Worshipful Master; Dr P P Peace, Senior Warden; Ambrose Barker, Junior Warden; R J Mitchell, Treasurer; T L Hargrove, Secretary; J R Fuller, Senior Deacon; John W Boothe, Junior Deacon; Lyman Latham, Tyler; Rev R J Devin, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

W H Jones, S G Wilson, J W Boothe, Samuel S Cooper, Jas Philpott, Chas W Clay, R J Mitchell, R S Wood, J M Paschall, Alex Satterwhite, Benj D Howard, John F Harris, W A Philpott, J R Fuller, J H Horner, T L Hargrove, Chastine Allen, Wilson M Bareford, A Barker, B C Cooke, R C Dean, R J Devin, L C Taylor, Sol Clarke, A T T Jones, T B Kingsbury, R W Lassiter, J T Littlejohn, Lyman Latham, sen., Willis Lewis, E T Marable, Z M Paschall, W H Paschall, D A Paschall, L A Paschall, T H Rainey, W Royster, A F Spencer, R P Taylor, H A Taylor, S R Trawick, T B Venable, J G Wagstaff, W W Young, H F Parrott, J P Montague, J W Kelly, J S Ellis.

Initiated 1; passed 2; raised 4; withdrawn 5; whole number 48.

Regular meetings, first Monday in every month, except December, and then on the second Monday.

FRANKLINTON LODGE, NO. 123, FRANKLINTON.

OFFICERS.

Wm F Hilliard, Worshipful Master; William B Dunn, Senior Warden; Bernice Walker, Junior Warden; Jas S Yarbrough, Treasurer; Joseph J Ward, Secretary; Wm D Davis, Senior Deacon; Doctor Cole, Junior Deacon; Benjamin J Blackley, Tyler; Francis J Whitfield and Young A Minniss, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Joseph J Harper, P M., P C Person, John H Whitfield, Isaac Winston, Wm H Joyner, Thos F Waddel, Thos W Short, John W Belamy, Robt C Maynard, J M Stone, N G Whitfield, Sam'l Williams, Charles Perry, Sam'l C Allen, J J Moore, George Catlett, W P Burrows, T J Walker, C J Gill, L Perry, W J Winston, Thos H Conyers, Willie Perry, jr., Willis Pierce, Wm Williams, John W Johnson, George Winston, jr., Wm J Beddingfield, J Thomas Pierce, Wm M Stone, Stephen D Williams, Wm K Martin, J M Conyers, A H Williams, J Y McGehee, D S Richardson, M J Hunt, R P Overton, R H Pulley, A L Davis, S D Bevers, J P Griffin.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J J Thomas, Willis Cole, Hartwell Hargrove, J L Farmer, H M Whitley.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 1; rejected 4; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 5; whole number 52.

Regular time of meeting, second and last Saturday in each and every month.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 124, LOUISBURG.

OFFICERS.

James H Yarborough, Worshipful Master; Joseph J Davis, Senior Warden; Ellis Malone, Junior Warden; Rich'd F Yarborough, Treasurer; Wm H Strother, jr., Secretary; Robt W

Stallings, Senior Deacon; J A Stone, Junior Deacon; W F Sykes, Tyler; Wm B Foster, E L Stegall, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Davis Young, Washington Harris, J J Jackson, N B Walker, Rev P H Smith, H L Bennett, Thomas Moses, Winston Perry, T N Carlisle, Willie Batton, J J Minitree, Richd G Wynne, Thos K Thomas, J B Mann, S L Boon, J B Littlejohn, W H Furman, Jas R Perry, Burwell Perry, William Debnam, N D Webb, Jas Debnam, James Wilson, Baldwin Perry, H H Thomas, H C Wyatt, A C Massenburg, J W Trawick, W D Earls, John W Earls, Thos C Heston.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Wm H Strother, Sr., W P Williams, A A Lancaster, J J Williams, J D Hawkins, jr., Thos B Cooke, W S Johnson, J D Connell, Alexander McKnight, Saml W Brodie, J Cooke, Wm M B Arendell, Joseph Murphy, N B Massenburg, N J Barham.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 4; rejected 4; admitted 10; withdrawn 18; died 1; residents not members 15; whole number 55.

Regular time of meeting 1st Thursday night in every month, and on the anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

MILL CREEK LODGE, No. 125, JOHNSTON.

OFFICERS.

Isaac H Williams, Worshipful Master; Boudoin Grantham, Senior Warden; Thomas D Snead, Junior Warden; Julius C Eason, Secretary; John Harper, Treasurer; Joab B Cox, Senior Deacon; George Barfield, Junior Deacon; John Dupree, Tyler; Tyrus Thornton, Steward.

MEMBERS.

B B Rose, Loverd Eldridge, Richard Manly, Ivy Lee, S W

Blackman, G P Rose, N Grantham, J G Rose, David C King, Harry Bryan, W R Parker, A Thornton, B S Parker, U W Cox, B W Lee, N B Stephens, R Rayner, John Williams, Dr J C Monk, R F Allen, E S Jones, William H Bryan, Josiah H Bryan, Dr D E Smith, James Tart, William A Hudson, Mordica Lee, David H Bridgers, Everitt Smith, P M, Ransom Lee, Abram Martin, M Jernigan, L C King.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Nathan Williams, Hiram Grantham, A Monk, W B Smith, Dr J L T McKinnie, John F Sanders.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 2; rejected 2; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 6; whole number 42.

SUNSBURY LODGE, No. 126, GATESVILLE.

OFFICERS.

James Woodward, Worshipful Master; Wm H Harrell, Senior Warden; Jas W Roberts, Junior Warden; Wm T Parker, Secretary; Jas R Hofler, Treasurer; Hardy C Williams, Senior Deacon; Robt B Parker, Junior Deacon; R H L Bond, Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Boothe, Thos P Cherry, Jas K Costen, Mills H Eure, Geo W Hays, John W Hinton, Andrew Voight, John T Morgan, Jas A Small, John H Parker, Gordon R Hinton, Wm B S Riddick, John C Wolfrey, Rich'd H Baker, Riddick Hunter, Henry C Willey, Richard E Parker, H Hofler, Noah B Felton, Jacob Alphin, Charles J Barnes, Wm H Manning, Richard H Riddick, Wm M Daughtrey, S W Worrell, Richard H Powell, Costin Jordan, John C Trotman, Q H Trotman, Nathan O Ward.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Thos S Riddick, Charles E Ballard.

Initiated 2; passed 3; raised 3; rejected 2; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 2; whole number 38.

BLACKMER LODGE, No. 127, MONTGOMERY.

OFFICERS.

C W Wooley, Worshipful Master; P P Ballard, Senior Warden; Jno R Livingston, Junior Warden; S M Ballard, Senior Deacon; A J Bruton, Junior Deacon; John T Mathuson, Secretary; Jas C Andrews, Treasurer; John Boggan, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Dewitt Clinton Harris, James W McRae, N B Miller, James C Andrews, John B Ballard, Pleasant P Ballard, William McRae, Alexander McRae, S H Christian, Dr Owen Hadley, Noah Thompson, Jno T Andrews, Edward C Chambers, Rev D R Bruton, Rev R S Ledbetter, Nathaniel Knight, Wm S Pemberton, H G Lucas, Jas L Gains, Jeremiah Luther, H C Luther, Nathan Bowdon, Pilate Fry, James M Green, O H Dockery, J H Reed, James M Crump, Rev Alexander Whitlock, S R Scarbrough, S V Simons, Dr J H Crawford, Jackson McRae, Green Bingham, A C Northcott, Dr A H Ingram, Y B Howell, Rev J Hill, Kenneth Mathuson, Rev N Byrd, Dr O P Luther, George M Ballard, Richard T Steele, Alex W McLennan, Rev A D Blackwood, Rev J B Ballard, Thomas Pemberton, D A Boyd, E D Scarbrough, James M Lilly, William Ballard, Dr J H Montgomery, C J Cochran, Wm G Deberry, M S McRae, Dr D N Patterson, Rev David Wright, James T Townsend, Edmund J Christian, J L Triplett, Wm J Montgomery, Calvin Pemberton.

Initiated 9; passed 8; raised 8; suspended 1; died 1; whole number 70.

Regular time of meeting, Friday before the full of the Moon in every month.

HANK'S LODGE, No. 128, FRANKLINSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

T W Allred, Worshipful Master; W J Hutson, Senior Warden; H B Marley, Junior Warden; R F Trogden, Treasurer; Wm S Marsh, Secretary; L D Stout, Senior Deacon; B C Burgess, Junior Deacon; Jno Branson, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

A S Harney, P M., J H Faust, P M., G W Parks, Joseph Murry, A T Pounds, S M Craven, Anderson Craven, Zale McDaniel, Alfred Lewellyn, W C Allred, D Curtis, Henry Branson, A F Beckerdite, P M Baldwin, Joseph Summer, Alfred Ward, C A Clark, A C Burgess, A B Slack, Jno Swafford, Milton Cannut, Esrum Hath, Jno Hath, James Hall, J R Bulla, B B Bulla, Robt Passons, Elwood Timberry, Mebane Henshaw, Wm P Fox, A L Stough, S M Doritt, T A Hendrix, E W Carroll, E A., W H H Conner, E A.

Initiated 27; passed 25; raised 25; withdrawn 10; rejected 2; died 2; whole number 43.

Regular time of meeting, third Friday evening in each month, except the months of June and December, and then on the anniversaries of St John the Baptist, and St John the Evangelist.

DAN RIVER LODGE, No. 129, MADISON.

OFFICERS.

N B Scales, Worshipful Master; Jackson Scales, Senior Warden; N Dalton, Junior Warden; V Allen, Treasurer; S Ivey, Secretary; J J Loutenschlager, Senior Deacon; B F Foy, Junior Deacon; Thomas Hall, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thos Price, J M Scales, Thos W Purgeson, Jno M Lindsay, P M Scales, John Foy, jr., John R Duncan, George W Webster, R F Purgerson, J W Moore, H H Foy, R H Gladson, A A Baughn, Wm L Scales, T H Lewellyn, R L Moore, Ham

Scales, D J Jordan, Wm Martin, R J Dalton, Isaac Fels, T C Coyle, C R Simpson, J S Moore, Ashal Grogan, R L Moore.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 5; withdrawn 1; whole number 34.

CONOHO LODGE, NO. 131, HAMILTON.

OFFICERS.

Jos J Anthony, Worshipful Master; Jno W Sherrod, Senior Warden; Jas A Daniels, Junior Warden; Jno B Whitaker, Treasurer; L L Clements, Secretary; Jno M Matthews, Senior Deacon; H B Godwin, Junior Deacon; W R Hansell, Tyler; H Budeke, Steward; R E Weathersbee, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

Jos J Ward, W W Gardner, Jno W Howell, W T Weathersbee, Jno H Hyman, James McCleese, J M Reid, S M Bowers, Robt W Sherrod, A P Hyman, B S Baker, D W Matthews, Thos Whitley, J Lowe, P P Clements, T W Ward, Joseph J Williams, C C Hines, H S Williams, W R W Sherrod, W S Harlow, F J Harrell, Samuel J Williams, Jos E Short.

Initiated 8; passed and raised 8; died 1; withdrawn 4; rejected 3; whole number 35.

Regular time of meetings, second and fourth Thursday of each month at early candle light.

RADIANCE LODGE, No. 132, SNOW HILL.

OFFICERS.

Elias Carr, Worshipful Master; C H Harper, Senior Warden; L A Caswell, Junior Warden; R W Best, Secretary; D A Sugg, Treasurer; Jno Wood, Senior Deacon; W S Darden, Junior Deacon; J R Murphy, Tyler; H G Sugg, Taylor Barrow, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Henry Best, Taylor Barrow, D A Sugg, W A Darden, Elias Carr, L A Caswell, R W Best, Jno Wood, C H Harper, W S Darden, J W Rasberry, J R Murphy, Jas S Carr, John W Patton, C H Albritton, J J Barrett, Eli J Barrow, Gehazi Britt, W H Caswell, Allen Croom, R B Davis, Jas E Exum, Dempsey Edwards, Wm F Edwards, Isaac C Edwards, M J Edwards, J T Freeman, R N Forbes, Ichabod Ham, W R Howell, W H Horne, Jas F Jones, Patrick Lynch, Isaac Minshew, R A Pate, R W Pridgen, Joshua Rouse, A J Rasberry, Allen Rasberry, J T Randolph, H G Sugg, Arvil Sugg, R H Sugg, Ira Scarborough, W H B Taylor, William Taylor, R W Taylor, S B Turnage, A D Swinson, M J Little.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John Harvey.

Initiated 25; passed 25; raised 25; rejected 3; admitted 3; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 1; whole number 49.

Regular time of meeting, 3rd Saturday in each month.

ALAMANCE LODGE, No. 133, GRAHAM.

OFFICERS.

Wm H Faucett, Worshipful Master; John A Murray, Senior Warden; Arch'd H Boyd, Junior Warden; D C Harden, Secretary; A Moore, Treasurer, J W Ferrell, Senior Deacon; J M Clapp, Junior Deacon; John R Holt, Chaplain; John H Clapp, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Faucett, H C Hurdle, Thos Sellars, jr., P A Holt, E M Holt, B McRay, J W Steel, Josiah McCully, Andrew Pyles, Robert Love, G S Holt, Wm R Denny, Jesse Gant, Wm A Holt, A G Fonville, W W Horn, Thos J Jones, J T Trolinger, Robt McCully, S W McNight, Jacob Hurdle, M Russell, A J Hughs, L H Woods, G H Garrison, Jesse Palmer, H C Trolinger, Geo

Walker, Alfred Isley, A E Shoffner, Wm G Clendenin, R C Tinnen, D H Albright, Samuel Ireland, George Foster, Wm F Strowd, Wm A Jones, Wm Artze, Stephen S White, Robert Moore, Jas V Moore, J R G Faucett, Jas W Wellons, Joseph Vincent, Albert Murray, Wm C Whitsitt, L Woods, J C Vincent, Wm S Ector, John B Randleman, E F Watson, Joseph S Holt, Thos J Fowler, Abel Marshall, A H Boyd, John R McLean, Henry A Maynard, Dickey Moore.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 4; withdrawn 5; whole number 68.

Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday in each month, and Tuesday of each Court.

MOCKSVILLE LODGE, No. 134, MOCKSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

B Bailey, Worshipful Master; A M Booe, Senior Warden; N Deaver, Junior Warden; H R Austin, Secretary; T M Young, Treasurer; A A Harbin, Senior Deacon; W Stonestreet, Junior Deacon; A Deaver, Tyler; Lemuel Bingham, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

T J Bryan, P W M., Samuel Rose, Jeremiah Wellman, Wm A Meroney, L C Hanes, Wm R Sharpe, Samuel Rosebord, J W Wiseman, Jno W Clifford, Isaac Holman, Beal Ijames, Denton Ijames, Peter Claywell, J B Jones, P W M., James Latham, G W Johnson, Charles Anderson, John Taylor, R O Wiseman, Samuel Taylor, Denton Hendred, Wm A James, A M Young, S W Naylor, D M Crenshaw, L R Rose, Edward Godby, Robt Rose, W F McMahan, Cheshier Sain, M D Travillion, Joseph Gray, John H Johnson, W H Phelps, Anson Hodgeson, P N Doolin, Jonathan Smith, James A Kelly, F D Horn, G W Campbell, Wm O Smith, D J L Smith, G A Bingham, J A Hendricks, James McGuire, P F Meroney, Bedford Brown, J M Johnson, Haman Critz, J F Coon, Wm C Brown.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Wm B Willson, Wm Beatty, John Kelly, S W Little, Wm E Booe, H C Eccles.

Initiated 4; passed 5; raised 6; rejected 3; suspended 1; admitted 4; withdrawn 4; died 2; residents not members 6; whole number 66.

Regular time of meeting, third Friday night of every month, Tuesday night of each Court week, and on the 24th of June and 24th of December.

BLACK ROCK LODGE, No. 135, BRUNSWICK.

OFFICERS.

John C Daniel, Worshipful Master; Thos O Brown, Senior Warden; David D Allen, Junior Warden; John O Daniel, Treasurer; Joseph A Parker, Secretary; Jordan Wollard, Senior Deacon; John M Pridgen, Junior Deacon; John W McDaniel, Joseph L Bryan, Stewards; Rev John Browning, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Joseph Green, Jas H Allen, James H Pritchett, Rev M C Turrentine, John M Sykes, Wm H Allen, D M Buie, Jas W McCoy, Rufus P Lenon, D C Ames, K K Council, W Westbrook, J J Bright, Peter Rourk, H L Lucas, J J Pridgen, Rev Geo W Lennon, F A Godley, W B Lucas, B B Long, W H Holland, John Nelson, Caldwell Thally, D T Montross, John T Melvin, James E Roberts, Daniel Currie, James Mc Norton, James B Muse, D S Council, W H Porter, T C Davis, F F Cummings, J P Lyttle, Robt A Lyttle, George W Farabee, J F Gillespie, W A Adkinson, Z E Murrill, Hosea Futrell, J C Scarborough, E A.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

R H Dunkley.

Initiated 8; passed 7; raised 7; rejected 1; admitted 1; residents not members 1; whole number 51.

Regular time of meeting, last Saturday in each month at 3 o'clock P. M., and the 24th of June.

LINCOLN LODGE, No. 137, LINCOLNTON.

OFFICERS.

Middleton King, Worshipful Master; Wm J Hoke, Senior Warden; J A Setton, Junior Warden; L P Henderson, Senior Deacon; Z A Moss, Junior Deacon; J T Alexander, Secretary; L Farrier, Treasurer; J A Caldwell, Tyler; Rev Henry Asbury, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

A W Burton, Wm Jenks, E S Barrett, T W Bradburn, Robert Williamson, A A Ramsour, Lyman Woodford, Ovel Jenks, John W Fite, John F Hause, Geo Marsteller, E S Edwards, A J Hause, L B Gaston, J Q Carpenter, B F Briggs, Dr Wm Sloan, A W Detter, John Detter, R M Oats, Thos R Shuford, R S Proctor, Thos W Robinson, John F Pain, F C., Dr J M Richardson, John F Aydolett, Dr J B Smith, J H Goodell, J H Ramsour, M F Mendenhall, Gustavus Westman, C F R Cronlan, Thos Darling, Henry Tonkin, J W Derr, C J Hammarskold, L A Haye, F M Abernathy, F C., W Corbitt.

Initiated 11; passed 11; raised 10; withdrawn 3; residents not members 10; whole number 57.

Regular meetings, first Friday in every month, Tuesdays of each Court week, and St Johns' days.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 138, LONG CREEK.

OFFICERS.

Wm S Larkins, Worshipful Master; G J Moore, Senior Warden; S H Bell, Junior Warden; S S Satchwell, Secretary; J Garrison, Treasurer; Wm Robitzch, Senior Deacon; J F Moore, Junior Deacon; R W Collins, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

H A Bagg, F H Bell, P M., J P Moore, M T Croom, J D Moore, D W Mott, A M Lamb, C W Murphey, J Jones, J B Pigford, J H Murphey, J H Lee, John Collins, J Eakins, J Moore, J E Robitzch, L Croom, M C Collins, R L Bourdeax, W C Mott, W H Moore, W S Pridgen, W T Newell, W F Jones, W Harris, S T Newton, J Caston, S B Rivenbark, T O Rooks, Isaac J Moore, J H Lamb, A T Moore, W Croom, W F Robitzsch.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

A J Mott, Wm A Lamb.

Initiated 6; passed 5; raised 2; residents not members 2; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month.

MOUNT ENERGY LODGE, No. 140, GRANVILLE.

OFFICERS.

B F Bullock, Worshipful Master, B B Hester, Senior Warden; L Smith, Junior Warden; J B Green, Treasurer; N E Cannady, Secretary; H Smith, Tyler; W N Harris, Senior Deacon; W E Bullock, Junior Deacon.

MEMBERS.

L T Smith, E B Lyon, J C Rogers, J Y Moss, J P Hester, J M Kittle, G W Allen, W S Hester, John Moss, E Dolby, Willis Jeffreys, E E Lyon, John Y Smith, Rufus Bobbitt, R C Freeman, Jo R Walker, L H Bullock, W E Bullock, Weldon E Bullock, J D Bullock, William Horner, J P Adams, William Green, B Jeffreys, Edward Bullock, D C White, H Freeman, Jeremiah Estes, G C Compton, Benjamin Night, John Dickerson, W L Gariot.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Irvin Morgan.

Initiated 3; passed 2; raised 3; withdrawn 1; residents not members 1; whole number 40.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday evening of each month, commencing at 2 o'clock.

CAROLINA LODGE, No. 141, ANSONVILLE.

OFFICERS.

W S Kendall, Worshipful Master; T J Ingram, Senior Warden; Rowland Crump, Junior Warden; G B Threadgill, Secretary; J F Dunlap, Treasurer; J B Gilliam, Senior Deacon; H C Collier, Junior Deacon; Alex Crump, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Jas Allen, J E Bonnoitt, R H Burns, C R Boyd, Z D Clark, Wm Carter, Dr J B Cottrell, S W Cole, F A Clark, George Dunlap, F B Flake, V S Garrett, J B Gillis, Thomas H Gulledge, Benj F Garris, Thos M Hendley, W V Hatcher, J W Hendley, J Ingram, P N Ingram, J S Kendall, Wm Little, J B Livingtson, R J McDonald, D B McSween, Jos Medley, W A Mendenhall, Jas McBride, R L Steele, G A Smith, W L Steele, Joel Tyson, jr., R P Simmons, C Watkins, Jos White, W C Watkins, J F Watkins.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Joseph J Wright.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 3; rejected 1; resident not member 1; whole number 45.

Regular time of meetings, Friday night after the full moon in each month, and St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist's Festivals.

CANE CREEK LODGE, No. 142, CANE CREEK.

OFFICERS.

John M Stout, Worshipful Master; Wm G Murchison, Se-

nior Warden; Aaron Hinson, Junior Warden; Ira Hinshaw, Treasurer; Nathan Stout, Secretary; John S Albright, Senior Deacon; Wm Terry, Junior Deacon; Calvin Workman, Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Simon Allen, Nathan Stout, D H Albright, John Terry, Joseph Stout, John M Stout, M Murchison, Wm Terry, L B Branson, Joseph Allen, Job Stewart, Allen Edwards, Wm Workman, Joseph C Bradshaw, Joseph Hinson, Wm Thompson, Moses D Pike, Lewis Albright, James Shirden, H O Durham, Henry Stout, Berry Davidson, Calvin Workman, A T Gleen, Aaron Hinson, Ira Hinshaw, A J Perry, Richie Richardson, John Low, James Griffin, J H Stout, J J McPherson, Fouler Vestal, M Hinshaw, Wm D Holt, Jackson Norwood, Wm J Murchison, Solomon Way, Wm A Perry, Joseph Stout, J G Stockard, C A Brewer, Asmon Atkinson, James Thompson, John Newlin, Algernon Lindsey, John S Albright, Frederick Bailiff.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 4; withdrawn 2; rejected 1; died 1; whole number 48.

Regular meetings first Saturday in each month.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE, No. 143, CHATHAM.

OFFICERS.

James F Rives, Worshipful Master; R B Paschal, Senior Warden; Merrit Rosson, Junior Warden; Wm L Jones Secretary; Wm M Rosson, Treasurer; Hyman Fox, Senior Deacon; Manly Lane, Junior Deacon; John Straughan, Tyler; J J White, Steward.

MEMBERS.

Berry Tally, E B Emerson, A D Headen, J H Bray, J B Adcock, N G Adcock, B W Smith, H C Luther, W H Brooks, Wm M Tally, John A Brooks, Tyson Johnson, James E Page, W J Page, W S Webster, A P Adcock, Z A Bocoughs, W T Brantly, A Y Phillips, E F Lambert, Adams Brewer, J A Til-

man, W H Watt, Milo Moffitt, Edward Phillips, Ambrose Brewer, J Tilman, J D Cheek, A S Dowd, L M Bray, James Hughes, J B Sanders, James Lane, Carney Lane, A J Kivett, Henry Dorsett, T A Brooks, S C Hackney, Tarleton Johnson, Wm P Lane, K P Harman, W H M Hackney, R T D Foushee, A G Buchanan, George Womble, Thos Ellis, James Gilbert, A Holoon, Jere Hughes.

Initiated 7; passed 6; raised 5; rejected 2; admitted 1; whole number 61.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each and every month.

TAYLOR LODGE, No. 144, MT. PLEASANT.

OFFICERS.

T B Farrar, Worshipful Master; T N Mann, Senior Warden; T H Foushee, Junior Warden; W Mann, Treasurer; A J Rigsby, Secretary.

MEMBERS.

O P Hamlet, J B West, F A Mann, Rev L Burnett, Rev J E Mann, J J Baldwin, J J Farrington, E P Farrington, W C Mann, T Winningham, N N Caudle, Dr E Ward, B F Ward, Carney Stone, H G Foushee, H C Horton, A B Horton, T Eubanks, Jos Brasington, W T Norwood, Alvis Rigsby, J Pearson, T M Mann, A J Rigsby, Andrew J Rigsby, J R Ward, Jackson Griffin, Wm Griffin, Benj Williams.

Initiated 8; passed 7; raised 7; withdrawn 1; whole number 34.

JUNALUSKEE LODGE, No. 145, FRANKLIN.

OFFICERS.

J T Siler, Worshipful Master; W M Addington, Senior Warden; H G Woodfin, Junior Warden; J Johnstou, Treasu-

rer; Jno M Lyle, Secretary; H W Nolen, Senior Deacon, T W Owen, Junior Deacon; J B Love, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Leon F Siler, J B Cunningham; R A Phillips, J W Dobson, S W Hill, T P Siler, E Dowdle, S Munday, N S Jarrett, S H Phillips, L Howard, G C Norton, J J Moore, J C Bryson, J G Crawford, A F Munday, John Reid, W R Rice, G W J Moore, A L Corpening, B G Jacobs, Rev J R Long, S L Love, R A H Neagle, J J Calhoun, A Zachary, J N Morrow, W Zachary, F Foindexter, E D Davis, Isaac H Davis.

Initiated 7; passed 8; raised 7; E A's 7; F C's 8; M M's 7; whole number 39

CHEROKEE LODGE, No. 146, MURPHY.

OFFICERS.

A T Davidson, Worshipful Master; Plesant Henry, Senior Warden; S G R Mount, Junior Warden; E D Howell, Secretary; D F Ramsour, Treasurer; J M Grant, Senior Deacon; B S Brittain, Junior Deacon; W P Holder, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Felix Axley, Jas H Bryson, John A Robinson, E James Saunders, Robert Martin, Robert B Chambers, Wm M Sanderson, Silas Ledford, G W Standridge, John H Johnson, Wm Walker, William C Walker, Miles M Vance, Drury Weeks, William Manchester, Jacob Baker, C T Rogers, George W Hayes, Henly Ledford, William Mills, Dr R K McRee, James Taylor.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

William Welch, Thomas Witherspoon, William Marr, Elisha Headen, J B Brooks.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 3; withdrawn 11; died 1; residents not members 5; whole number 30.

Regular time of meeting, first Thursday in every month.

PALMYRA LODGE, No. 147, AVERASBORO'.

OFFICERS.

N S Stewart, Worshipful Master; A Parker, Senior Warden; J C Surles, Junior Warden; R J Norris, Secretary; A J Turlington, Treasurer; S R Surles, Senior Deacon; G Hollomon, Junior Deacon; K Barefoot, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James A Johnson, A B Horton, J N McIlwinnin, A Reaves, A H M Luther, John Suggs, L Godwin, W B Surles, F Jernigan, M D Duning, Rev W Harris, W T Rhodes, H A Williams, H Vickers, B F Shaw, D M N McKay, E Stewart, D Stewart, D Hawley, Rev A B Alderman, L M Surles, M Tew, H J Ryals, J C Williams, Hillory Hollomon, A H Denson.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Dennis Somerland.

Initiated 8; passed 8; raised 7; rejected 2; withdrawn 1; residents not members 1; whole number 34.

Regular time of meeting, third Friday in each month and St. John's days.

WILSON LODGE, No. 148, OLIN.

OFFICERS.

R T Campbell, Worshipful Master; W J Vestal, Senior Warden; P Tomlin, Junior Warden; A M D Kennedy, Secretary; C W Howell, Treasurer; G W Weaver, Senior Deacon; R H Summers, Junior Deacon; W Linster, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

T A Barker, J W F Weaver, B Clegg, P W M., J L Nesbitt, Jas L Blackwell, Wm A Journey, Jas A Claywell, A Rhyne, J M Love, P W M., R L Weaver, N D Tomlin, J W Jones, Q Holton, N J Spellman, Wm L Van Eaton, W H A Speer, Samuel Lander, jr., L V Campbell, Wm McCowin, W M Campbell, W C Tays.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

W W Albea.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 1; suspended 1; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; residents not members 1; whole number 28.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday in each month, and St. Johns' days.

ADONIRAM LODGE, No. 149, YOUNG'S ⋈ ROADS.

OFFICERS.

James H Strum, Worshipful Master; R D Puryear, Senior Warden; T J Pittard, Junior Warden; L B Stone, Treasurer; Lewis Garner, Secretary; Jno S Overby, Senior Deacon; A J Chandler, Junior Deacon; Jas B Ellixson, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John E Montague, John C Garner, G W Pittard, D S Wilkerson, James H White, John F Mallett, Harmon Puryear, Stephen Beasley, jr., Dr P W Young, Wm E Royster, Wm Satterwhite, James M Satterwhite, Samuel H Holloway, H F Ezell, Robt T Beasley, Robert S Barnett, Thos F Peace, B T Winston, James Elliott, John P Pettus, Robert E Morgan, Dr T A Ridout, John H Stovall.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Hugh McAdden.

Initiated 3; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 1; residents not members 1; whole number 32.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday evening previous to the full moon, in each and every month.

PEE DEE LODGE, No. 150, NORWOOD'S.

OFFICERS.

M T Waddill Worshipful Master; J Harward, Senior War-

den; J Randle, Junior Warden; W Allen, Treasurer; Jas S Turner, Secretary; W H Smith, Senior Deacon; W H Randle, Junior Deacon; John F Stone, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

R S Melton, H H Melton, Elias Markes, R J Mebane, W H Steed, Jacob Shankle, R M Wall, R M Lanier, S M Tomlinson, J O Ross, B F Lilly, Albert Lilly, C R Watkins, Rev W C Clark, John W Smith.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Davidson Hearn.

Suspended 1; expelled 1; died 2; residents not members 1; whole number 24.

CHALMERS LODGE, No. 151, CARBONTON.

OFFICERS.

W A Hayes, Worshipful Master; A W Jones, Senior Warden; W Gilbert, Junior Warden; T J Clegg, Secretary; M M McRae, Treasurer; John Nicholson, Senior Deacon; J H Farrer, Junior Deacon; J Tilman, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

R A Stuart, P M., K Gibbs, Wm McDonald, Z Burroughs, W M Tally, O S Yarborough, Berry Tally, J A Chalmers, B Burroughs, W McClane, Rich'd Frasier, A W Palmer, R H Davis, C Chalmers, G G Temple, W M McIntosh, G W Fooshee, A P Barker, R D Palmer, C McCrummer, R Street, E Harrington, K Worthey, J G Foochee, A McFadgen, P G Evans, C W Carrol, D M Sinclair, J A Cameron, Solomon Ellis, J W Berryman, W W Campbell, Thos Daugherty, B W Spivey, Duncan McLeod, D McIntosh, T D Williams, E Welch, Jno Cheek, G W Adams, Wm Elkins, K Murchison, James Riddle, R C Drake, J F Underwood, E S McIver, Duncan McFadgen, John D Tyson, W L Miller.

Initiated 7; passed 7; raised 7; withdrawn 1; died 1; whole number 57.

Regular meetings, first Saturday night in each month.

BEAUMONT LODGE, No. 152, BEAUMONT.

OFFICERS.

G E Brown, Worshipful Master; R N Green, Senior Warden; J E Nettles, Junior Warden; J M Green, Secretary; D F McIver, Senior Deacon; H H Fike, Junior Deacon; E Fike, Treasurer; W Ward, Tyler; J T Willett, Steward.

MEMBERS.

M Browning, A P Brooks, J W Turner, D Oldham, H Fields, U R Browning, W D Watson, H O Dunlap, N Vestal, W C Burke, R D Burke, T B Long, T C Willet, E Ausly, Thomas Moody.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J Q Headen, Rev Thomas Moses.

Initiated 4; passed 3; raised 4; withdrawn 1; residents not members 2; whole number 24.

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE, No. 153, SCOTT'S HILL.

OFFICERS.

Jos M Foy, Worshipful Master; Robert C Nixon, Senior Warden; S S McClammy, Junior Warden; Owen Jarratt, Treasurer; D R Gornto, Secretary; D S Sanders, Senior Deacon; J Bishop, Junior Deacon; H R Foy, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Jos M Foy, D S Sanders, L S McClammy, Owen Jarratt, D R Gornto, D J Nixon, W H Batson, D Sparkemon, J Bishop, R M King, J S Ennett, Wm J King, Edward W Mearry, H R Foy.

Initiated 4; passed 2; raised 2; residents not members 2; whole number 14.

SCOTCH IRELAND LODGE, No. 154, COWANSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

D B Wood, Worshipful Master; William Emerson, Senior Warden; W A Luckey, Junior Warden; D Fleming, Secretary; C C Krider, Treasurer; A Henly, Senior Deacon; J W Steele, Junior Deacon; W Renshaw, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J G Ramsey, P M., A Torrence, P A Burke, H H Dent, T A Allison, Robt Harris, Jno R Knott, P J Gillespie.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

R W Griffith, P A Krider.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; withdrawn 3; residents not members 2; whole number 16.

Regular time of meeting, Friday before each full moon, and on the day of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

WHITE STONE LODGE, No. 155, WAKEFIELD.

OFFICERS.

B T Strickland, Worshipful Master, Wm H Hood, Senior Warden; B C Strickland, Junior Warden; — Harrington, Senior Deacon; Rev Ellen Mecam, Junior Deacon; Wm B Chamble, Seeretary; Wm S Chevis, Treasurer; D H Bunn, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Chamble, James Woodroe, William Pulley, Calvin Pippin, Acrael Pearce, William Privitt, Jordan S Williams, Passon Nichols, Henderson Hocut, D B Griffin, Harris Daniel, R Y Perry, Rev T B Horton, Joseph M Taylor, B Cone, James Nowell, Blake Baker, Jacob Daniel, Wm E Statt, S Fountane, H Holliman, A L Bunn, Robert Griffin, W S Harris, Wm Ballenten, E H Woodard, A J Foster, A Richardson, Kinchen Bailey, D S Crenshaw, J W Perry, B F Horton, W K Phillips, J H Chevis, James A Minga.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John Griffin.

Initiated 6; passed 6; raised 5; rejected 6; residents not members 1; whole number 43.

Regular meeting, fourth Saturday in each month.

ROLESVILLE LODGE, No. 156, ROLESVILLE.

OFFICERS.

James R Jeffreys, Worshipful Master; Robt E Harris, Senior Warden; H W Jones, Junior Warden; Isham Young, Treasurer; F H Perry, Secretary; M H Horton, Senior Deacon; Jno M Williams, Junior Deacon; Benj Young, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John M Fleming, P M., Jas M Terrell, P M., Jas B Redford, Thos J Terrell, Wm A Horton, H A Hodge, J W Fort, Wm B Reid, W D Jones, Chas H Horton, Wm B Dunn, jr., Dr A R Boung, S C Bailey, James S Moring, A S Gill.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 3; rejected 1; admitted 3; died 2; whole number 23.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

MOUNT PLEASANT LODGE, No. 157, WAKE.

OFFICERS.

Willis S Thompson, Worshipful Master; Allen Bailey, Senior Warden; Sandar Penny, Junior Warden; Willie D Mitchell, Secretary; Wm A Allen, Treasurer; W L Bledsoe, Senior Deacon; George Piper, Junior Deacon; Wm G Allen, Tyler; Willie A Atkinson, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

C J Rogers, Jno M Ferrell, Sol J Allen, Jas M Mangum, R L Allen, Buckner Ray, R H Hooker, L A Moore, A J Thompson, A C Jones, S Penny, Wilbert C Page, A S Thompson, M H Allen, A M Blake, D K Moore, W M Allen, Allen Bailey, A

Z Bailey, H F Bledsoe, G W Allen, R K Ferrell, Wm P Hayes, J B Marcum, W C Rogers, Jno Ray, Tiller Grady, J Penny, Peleg Rogers, Thos M Fergerson, L Ferrell, E Ray.

Initiated 9; passed 9; raised 8; residents not members 1; whole number 41.

KNAP OF REEDS LODGE, No. 158, KNAP OF REEDS.

OFFICERS.

Alexander Fleming, Worshipful Master; John Peed, Senior Warden; Dennis Tilly, Junior Warden; Joseph Woods, Treasurer; L W Umstead, Secretary; Dudley Peed, Senior Deacon; N H Roberts, Junior Deacon; Sherman Peed, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Adcock, L T Burton, J J Burton, J M Ashly, Willie Ashly, James H Cazort, David B Cazort, F C., John C Denny, John Fleming, H H House, G W Dunkin, E W Holt, Richard Peed, James W Lyon, W L Meadows, F M Meadows, A W Mangum, D H Parker, J D Paschal, F C., Benj L Hester, J W Nance, J V Roberts, S W Roberts, Gaston Roberts, G W Roberts, William Haskins, G W Umstead, J D Umstead, S D Umstead, A M Veazey, N A Waller, Jeff Wheeler, Harrison Wheeler, Millinton Washington, D C Parish, Marcus Harris, John C Swinney, Gaston Walters, W P Roberts, Joseph Lunsford, R F Webb, F C., John Tilly, E A., John Bowlen, E A.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

William A Gill.

Initiated 18; passed 18; raised 13; rejected 7; residents not members 1; whole number 52.

Regular meeting, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in every month.

EMMAUS LODGE, No. 161, EMMAUS CHURCH.

OFFICERS.

Claiborn Justice, Worshipful Master; Wm R West, Senior

Warden; Jesse W Perry, Junior Warden; John W Perry, Secretary; Richard Webster, Treasurer; Charles Daffron, Senior Deacon; Charles B Poe, Junior Deacon; Thomas P Clark Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Wm R West, Edmond A Poe, Sidney S Hamlet, Richard Webster, Atlas George, Claiborn Justice, Charles Daffron, Joseph Johnson, James T Rogers, Thomas J Clarke, Jesse W Perry, James Henderson, jr., Wm Lineberry, Oliver L Lindley, Calvin Williams, Bassel Poe, Berry Cruze, John W Perry, R A Patterson, Oran T Evans.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 5; whole number 20.

Regular time of meeting, second Thursday night in each month.

YADKIN LODGE, No. 162, YADKINVILLE.

OFFICERS.

H C Wilson, Worshipful Master; W A Joyce, Senior Warden; John Williams, Junior Warden; G F Wilson, Treasurer; T C Hauser, Secretary; V A Wilson, Senior Deacon; M D Howard, Junior Deacon; Peter Welfare, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

R F Armfield, P M., Thomas Long, Joseph Gray, Larkin Lynch, W W Long, N H Comer, John W Naylor, N Bohannan, T S Martin, L W Bryan, S S Arnold, J R Naylor, Even Benbow, R S Phillips, E C Roughton, John Messick, Henry Marshall, John M Jarrell, H B Martin, E A., B Speer, William Steelman, R M Willard, A S Speer, Joel Reavis, J C Foote, A P Poindexter, R C Poindexter, William Gough, R G Zachary, Daniel Hoots, H P Messick, J W Tulburt, F W Hall, J M Lawrence, J A Mock, A L Hacket, Isaac Long, Spencer Potts, William Miller, M H Wooten, J E Reeves, F C., J N Haynes, F C., J B Naylor, J K Speer.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J A Claywell, J A Bitting, W H A Speer, W L Van Eaton, D J Fleming, Peter Claywell, Dr Wiley.

Initiated 14; passed 14; raised 16; rejected 6; admitted 1; residents not members 7; whole number 52.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday night in every month and Tuesday nights of each County and Superior Courts.

PARTIAL RETURNS OF DEEP RIVER LODGE, No. 164, FOUST'S MILLS.

Initiated 4; passed 5; raised 5; removed 1; suspended 1; whole number 38.

ARCHER LODGE, No. 165, CREACHVILLE.

OFFICERS.

Col Samuel P Horton, Worshipful Master; Dr Thomas H Avera, Senior Warden; John W Lee, Junior Warden; Maj A G Lee, Senior Deacon; Willie Nichols, Junior Deacon; Wm T Robertson, Secretary; Bryan O'Neal, Treasurer; Henry Hoyles, Tyler; Rev J H Laton, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

William J Smith, William H O'Neal, James W Pearce, B C Richardson, A W Richardson, Hopson O'Neal, L O Batten, Josiah H Whitley, Needham J Whitley, Everett D Whitley, Simeon O'Neal, Micajah Whitley; Berbin Liles, John C Allen, G W Scarborough, J C Horton, Jeptha H Laton, John W Robertson, W H Richardson, P P Medlin.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Henry C Ennis.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 5; admitted 1; died 1; residents not members 1; whole number 28.

Regular meeting, 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month.

SAINT PAUL'S LODGE, No. 166, BEATTY'S BRIDGE.

OFFICERS.

W H Beatty, Worshipful Master; J L Moor, Senior Warden; A M Colvin, Junior Warden; P L Anders, Treasurer; J R Hawes, Secretary; J W Anders, Senior Deacon; Chas Bannerman, Junior Deacon; J E Lewis, Tyler; H G & A J Barnhill, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

A J Holly, D P Beatty, P M., A C Crombie, J Elwell, W Keith, R W Johnston, J B Simpson, J B Fox, W Gaylor, G Bannerman.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 2; withdrawn 1; whole number 20.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday of every month at 12 o'clock, M.

WINSTON LODGE, No. 167, WINSTON.

OFFICERS.

Jesse Atwood, Worshipful Master; A N Leinback, Senior Warden; J H Reniger, Junior Warden; H A Holder, Treasurer; C S Hauser, Secretary; P A Wilson, Senior Deacon; Wm Fetter, Junior Deacon; N S Brown, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J W Hunter, H A Lemley, Samuel Martin, J J Guyer, Peter Fetter, James Styres, J E Shultz, A V Sullivan, H S Belt, Jos Weesner, Jacob Mock, J W Weir, John Becker, Jonathan Rothrack, Wm Fetter, B S Beckerdite, John Stultz, W Axum, Mr Craft.

Initiated 6; passed 5; raised 5; whole number 27.

PLEASANT HILL LODGE, No. 168, ALAMANCE.

OFFICERS.

Dr W R Denny, Worshipful Master; David Coble, Senior

Warden; Wm Zackary, Junior Warden; Wm Patterson, Treasurer; Peter C Smith, Secretary; M R Bishop, Senior Deacon; W R Jones, Junior Deacon; O A Foster and Wm Fogleman, Stewards; S G Evans, Chaplain; Joshua C Bain, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

A E Shoffner, Robt R Luterloh, Jonathan Thompson, Martin Staily, Sylvester Spoon, Dr B A Sellers, Dr W A Coble, W R Coley, Wm Coble, Abram C Coley, John Stafford, Dr John H Jordan, Dr Wyatt H McNairy, Levi Brown, Berry Kimbro, Dillard M Isley, Henry M Duke, John S Fogleman, John Gorly, Edwin H Noah, Henry Shoffner, Jesse Butler, Henry Moon, George W Coble, J W Shives, Uriah Marshal, E P., Findly W Shaw, Thos G Whorton, Henry Foust, Hilary Huffman, E P.

Initiated 6; passed 4; raised 4; whole number 41.

SHALLOW FORD LODGE, No. 169, ALAMANCE.

OFFICERS.

T R Simpson, Worshipful Master; G H Garrison, Senior Warden; J S Bracking, Junior Warden; C H C Faucett, Secretary; L R Isely, Treasurer; G S Holt, Senior Deacon; Sam'l Ireland, Junior Deacon; Peter Boon, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Eld A Isely, John Ireland, H H Hurdle, James M Sutton, J E Moore, D L Matkins, Wm F Simpson, James M Jordan, Tilman Ireland, H H Morton, Thos Matkins, Jacob Morton, Jackson Penix, A G Fonville.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 2; withdrawn 1; whole number 22.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday and third Tuesday evenings in each month, and St. Johns' day.

BLACKMER LODGE, No. 170, REEM'S CREEK.

OFFICERS.

Rev J A Reagan, Worshipful Master; J R Weaver, Senior

Warden: S F Williams, Junior Warden; W R Baird, Treasurer; R V Blackstock, Secretary; J T Weaver, Senior Deacon; N J Roberts, Junior Deacon; D Hunsucker, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Rev J D Baldwin, H T Dickinson, J B Nelson, Rev J T Stansbury, Dr J G Blackstock, N E Baird, J H Colfee, Rev J M Varnel, N Tweed, M Roberts, Rev R W Patty; M P Swain, F C., J H Smith, F C., W Munday, F C.

Initiated 1; passed 2; raised 2; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; whole number 25.

Regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in every month.

DELK LODGE, No. 171, COLERAIN.

OFFICERS.

Rev James Delk, Worshipful Master; Col E Wilson, Senior Warden; David O Askew, Junior Warden, Dr Thomas Brown, Secretary; Joseph Smith, Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

Rev Jas Delk, Col E Wilson, David O Askew, Dr Thomas Brown, Joseph Smith, Aaron O Askew, Dr A J Askew, James C Freeman, Jacob Perry, James S Perry, Alfred Winborn, David L McGloughan, John W Norvell, Horatio Hays, Jas W Etheridge, Zack Smith, Josiah H Davidson, Willie D Hays, Thomas W Eggleston, Lemuel Evans, Rev B B Williams, Henry L Ward, Kinchen T Pruden, Jordan Hill.

Whole number 24.

BUFFALO LODGE, No. 172, MOORE.

OFFICERS.

B B McIver, Worshipful Master; J D Henly, Senior Warden; A D McIver, Junior Warden; N R Bryan, Senior Deacon; W N Bryan, Junior Deacon; Jno D McIver, Secretary; Wm W Dye, Treasurer; Louis Wicker, Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Dr John McIver, Danl McIntyre, Jno A McIntosh, S E Johnson, R McIver, Kenneth McIver, Winship Bryan, D N McIver, John McIntosh, A J Gaster, Wm R Buryman, D W Wicker, Elisha Wicker, A A F Seawell, Jno B Cole, Archy Harrington, Wm Henly, E R Seawell, J L Seawell, Evander J McIver, Eli M Wicker, Wm Watson, James A Campbell, Elisha Watson, J A Harwood, James M Cole, K F McIntosh, Duncan McCormick, M F Harrington, Wm McNeill, D O Bryan, A N McIver, J A Sheppard, Jno W McIntosh, R A McIver, Jno McCormick, Benj Morris, Absalom Kelly, Thos W Cole, C S Harwood, B G Cole, Alvis Poe.

Initiated 11; passed 11; raised 11; rejected 6; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 1; whole number 50.

Regular meeting, 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month.

UNION LODGE, No. 173, KERNERSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

T C Ham, Worshipful Master; M P Nicholson, Senior Warden; E T Robbins, Junior Warden; John H Hester, Secretary; Geo H Young, Treasurer; Jno B Stockton, Senior Deacon; A H S Beard, Junior Deacon; W A Griffith, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

D M Payne, Jno G Gamble, Jno C Smith, Seborn Perry, Jonathan Perry, John Idol, Wm Peacock, J P Robbins, A J Pitts, J J Robbins, Shaderick Morris, S J Pitts, V W Perry, C B Brooks, W P Henley, Dr A D Lindsay, Z D Lancaster, Jesse Calhoun, Wm Campbell, Nelson Campbell, Wm Matthews.

Initiated 7; passed 7; raised 7; rejected 5; admitted 1; whole number 29.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday night before the full moon in each month.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 174, LASATERS' CROSS ROADS.

OFFICERS.

Wm C Mason, Worshipful Master; J Broadwell, Senior Warden; M C Lewter, Junior Warden; S J Upchurch, Treasurer; B Lasater, Secretary; J T Johnson, Senior Deacon; W H Womble, Junior Deacon; A Barber, Tyler; G J Williams and J C Harwood, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

P B Council, J B Winston, James Moring, John C Stone, Chesley Council Hinton Hudson, R J Foushee, Jos B Bell, M K Herndon, A C Council, G L Barbee, R H Jones, S F Barbee, Henderson Mulholland, Duncan Parrish, T W Womble, E D Council.

Initiated 10; passed 10; raised 8; rejected 1; admitted 1; whole number 27.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before the third Sunday in each month.

POLLOKSVILLE LODGE, No. 175, POLLOKSVILLE.

OFFICERS.

Roscoe Barrus, Worshipful Master; ———— Senior Warden; Oliver S Griffin, Junior Warden; George W Lemmons, Treasurer; John A Barrus, Secretary; Franklin Foy, Senior Deacon; John K Bender, Junior Deacon; Bryan Bender, Joshua D Hasket, Stewards; James J Rhodes, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thomas E Pritchett, Alfred Whitty, Christopher D Foy, T S Gillet, Jesse D Hines, George W Hall, John H Cox.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 1; withdrawn 1; died 2; whole number 16.

MECKLENBURG LODGE, No. 176, DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

OFFICERS.

A Monroe Gillespie, Worshipful Master; S M Withers, Senior Warden; J T Houston, Junior Warden; P H Johnston, Secretary; James Reid, Treasurer; Joseph R Gillespie, Senior Deacon; Rufus Ready, Junior Deacon; Jacob Coldison, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Alex White, Dr W L D McLean, Dr S N Weddington, Thos Long, James Sloan, L H Kimble, Albert King, Thos Mackey, Jos Mc Wilson, Geo F Davidson, E A., Dr W S M Davidson, F C., J A W Kerr, F C., Jas F Johnston, F C.

Initiated 15; passed 14; raised 11; whole number 21.
Regular time of meeting, second Friday in each month.

MARLBORO' LODGE, No. 177, MARLBORO'.

OFFICERS.

Elias J Blount, Worshipful Master; Geo Joyner, Senior Warden; Sherrod Belcher, Junior Warden; H G Hitson, Secretary; W L Tyer, Treasurer; Thos King, Senior Deacon; Wm King, Junior Deacon; W H Speight, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Gideon Allen, Moses Belcher, James H Bebb, Geo Belcher, A H Flanakin, Wm Flanakin, Peter E Hines, Noah Joyner, James Joyner, R R Foreman, Kenneth Pippin, Wm Peebles, John Peebles, Wesley B Mangum, John King, Wm S Long, Spyers D Vinson, Rich'd F J H Williams, Wm Edwards, Mathew R Jones.

Initiated 16; passed 16; raised 15; rejected 1; admitted 1; whole number 28.
Regular time of meeting, 3rd Saturday in each month.

SILOAM LODGE, No. 178, HARRELL'S STORE.

OFFICERS.

Owen Fennell, Worshipful Master; John C Devane, Senior Warden; Wm R Ward, Junior Warden; James L Newkirk, Treasurer; James E Ward, Secretary; John D Powers, Senior Deacon; Joseph J Ward, Junior Deacon; Elbridge G Ward, Tyler; E G Ward, Steward.

MEMBERS.

Wm W Wayne, Wm U Newkirk, C T Henry, Wm T New, H H Newkirk, J R Newkirk, Joseph Wells, John A McInnis, George Devane, Wm Robinson, K B Powers, C T Murphy.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J B Pigford, E T Pigford, H F Murphy, C McMillan, John J Devane.

Initiated 6; passed 6; raised 6; withdrawn 1; residents not members 5; whole number 28.

Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in every month, except June and December, and on the Anniversaries of the Holy Sts. John.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 179, LEASBURG.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin F Stanfield, Worshipful Master; John C Wilkerson, Senior Warden; Henry Brandon, Junior Warden; James T Sergeant, Secretary; Jefferson Whitfield, Treasurer; Vincent L Moten, Senior Deacon; John S Hambrick, Junior Deacon; Robt P Hancock, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

P H Joyner, B F Stanfield, J S Sergeant, J Whitfield, Henry F Brandon, John F Wagstaff, John T Hambrick, R P Hancock, Lorenzo D Rudd, V L Moten, John C Wilkerson, Stephen T Richmond, A M Fuller, John P Chambers, William Bradsher, sr., John Allen, George Smith.

Initiated 6; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 3; whole number 17.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday night before the first and third Sabbaths in each month, and on the 24th of June, and 27th of December, in each year.

CALDWELL LODGE, No. 180, CHAPEL HILL.

OFFICERS.

T C Belsher, Worshipful Master; Dr W Barbee, Senior Warden; H B Guthrie, Junior Warden; John Hutchins, Treasurer; J B McDade, Secretary; M J McCauly, Senior Deacon; S Whitehead, Junior Deacon; J W Carr and A Mickle, Stewards; R H Lee, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Dr Willis Barbee, T C Belcher, J W Carr, Dr H M Cave, Dr M Closs, H B Guthric, John Hutchins, Esley Hunt, Rev B J Hackney, A L Jones, R H Lee, J B McDade, M McCauley, M J McCauley, A Mickle, Dr A D Moore, L H Newton, Maj W N Patterson, Rev G W Purify, J J Riggsbee, H D Riggsbee, M R Sugg, R B Saunders, M D Stroud, W L Saunders, J B Tinny, Grey Utley, S Whitehead.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

J H McDade, Jones Watson, Cannon Bowers, Samuel C Kirkland, James Moring, W A Thompson, C J Freeland, Isaac Craig.

Initiated 10; passed 10; raised 8; rejected 1; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; residents not members 8; whole number 36.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each month.

CARTHAGE LODGE, No. 181, CARTHAGE.

OFFICERS.

A R McDonald, Worshipful Master; G S Cole, Senior Warden; A H McNeill, Junior Warden; H C McLean, Secretary;

A M Branson, Treasurer; J H Caddell, Senior Deacon; T W Ritter, Junior Deacon; J M Seawell, Tyler; R A Cole, Steward.

MEMBERS.

S C Bruce, P M., Gen W D Dowd, Thomas D Williams, Dugald McDugald, D M Sinclair, A R Black, Wm B Bichardson, John Dunlap, Devction Davis, M M Ferguson, Jesse G Seawell, Benjamin P Phillips, W K Nunnery, Wm C Davison, A R McFadgen, Donald McDonald, Sylvanus Barrett, John G Matthews, Thos Matthews, J H Wade.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Hugh McDonald.

Passed 1; raised 6; died 2; withdrawn 1; residents not members 1; whole number 29.

Regular meetings, the last Saturday nights in each month, and on St. Johns' days.

TOWNSVILLE LODGE, No. 182, GRANVILLE.

OFFICERS.

James M Bullock, Worshipful Master; Robert T Hughes, Senior Warden; William T Estis, Junior Warden; Otis F Manson, Treasurer; William B Hughes, Secretary; Young M Montague, Senior Deacon; James M Higgir, Junior Deacon; William R Hagood, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Edmond Towns, William T Ezzell, David K Glover, Young M Montague, Samuel H Holloway, William B Hughes, Robert T Hughes, James M Bullock, Otis F Manson, William T Estis, William H Boyd, James M Higgir, Richard H Hunt, Dr B Carver, James R Duty, John R Haskins, Lewis J Peoples, William R Hagood, William B Turner, John W Wiggins, Samuel P Wilson, James A Bullock.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John Bullock, Thomas E Reeks, J Duty, Horace A Burton, William H Gilliam.

Initiated 8; passed 7; raised 8; rejected 2; residents not members 5; whole number 30.

Regular meetings, third Saturdays in every month.

CENTRE GROVE LODGE, No. 183, GUILFORD.

OFFICERS.

S A Powell, Worshipful Master; R K Denny, Senior Warden; J A Lambeth, Junior Warden; J C Rankin, Treasurer; Wm Denny, Secretary; R D Lambeth, Senior Deacon; W Underwood, Junior Deacon; C Lancaster, Tyler; Rev W S Colson, Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

S A Powell, R K Denny, J A Lambeth, J C Rankin, Wm Denny, R D Lambeth, Peter Harris, J M Climer, Jas M Brown, Will Wilson, Burwell Johnson, Sam'l Whitt, Jos J Poindexter, Rev W S Colson, Wm A McKinney, Thos Cox, Obediah McMichael, D J Donnell, P W Parker, Silas M Harris, J L Prather, T Tyler, J W Lambeth, W Underwood, C Lancaster, C H Wilson, Jas Harris, B Tatum, W D Smith, Edward Taylor, Jones Highfield, Wm Highfield, L J Harris, Samuel Whitt, Jas Highfield, Hennis James, Rev R R Prather, J Strader, S Phibbs, John Harris, Saml Taylor, D H Poindexter, Robt Simpson, J S Brown, Robt S Lambeth, Robt Phibbs, Lewis Rayl, Thos A Hetton, Wm A Bonnell, Pleas't Fitzgerald, G J Batton, Alfred Somers.

Initiated 37; passed 36; raised 33; rejected 3; whole number 52.

Regular time of meeting, Friday after each full moon and on the Anniversaries.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 184, REYNOLDSON.

OFFICERS.

Wm H Lee, Worshipful Master; J M H Lee, Senior Warden; E D B Howell, Junior Warden; C C Rawls, Secretary; F H Cobb, Treasurer; S E Smith, Senior Deacon; R H Williams, Junior Deacon; Rev E Howell, Chaplain; James Sears, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James Dillard, T B Langston, J D Goodman, A Pruden, D Langston, R H Lee, J R Cross, R Dillard, M D., W J Spiers.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; admitted 2; withdrawn 1; died 1; whole number 17.

Regular time of meeting, 1st Saturday in each month.

SANDY CREEK LODGE, No. 185, SANDY CREEK.

OFFICERS.

Daniel Webster, Worshipful Master; Louis Bartholomew, Senior Warden; Littleton C Webster, Junior Warden; William Cooper, Treasurer; Sidney W Bartholomew, Secretary; E A Gupton, Senior Deacon; D Gupton, Junior Deacon; James Yarbrough, Tyler; A J Upchurch, J J Foster, Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Allen Harris, John Foster, Cooper Gupton, Peyton W Gupton, R F Hight, Goodman H Smith, John J Jones, Charles E Bennett, James C Upchurch, Albert J Upchurch.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

James Collins.

Initiated 8; passed 6; raised 6; rejected 4; admitted 5; died 1; residents not members 1; whole number 18.

Regular meeting, first Saturday in each month, and on the Anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, will be held in the City of Raleigh, on Monday, the 7th of December, 1857.

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

TOGETHER WITH THE

RESOLUTIONS

NOW IN FORCE,

AND

RULES

FOR THE CONDUCTION OF TRIALS.

Printed By Order of the Grand Lodge.

RALEIGH, N. C.

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1856.

BRO. W. T. BAIN, Grand Secretary:

I herewith transmit you for publication, the Digest of the "Resolutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge now in force, together with its Constitution and By-Laws," as reported by the Commitee appointed for that purpose. The labor imposed on the Committee, was much more onerous than was anticipated, and has consequently rendered the delay in making their report unavoidable. I have given it a careful supervision and believe it to be as correct in all particulars, as it is possible at present, to render it, and much hope, the valuable Masonic law it contains, will amply compensate subordinate Lodges, for the delay in receiving it.

Fraternally,

P. A. HOLT. G. M.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at its Annual Communication held December 3d, 1855.

"*Resolved,* That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a *Digest* of the Resolutions of the Grand Lodge now in force; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the same, together with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the *Rules* to be observed in the conduction of trials, printed in pamphlet form, and distributed among the subordinate Lodges of the State.

It is further Resolved, That this Committee be required to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master at an early period after the close of this Grand Communication, who shall carefully supervise and forward the same to the Grand Secretary for publication and distribution."

The Grand Master appointed W. K. Blake, E. Smith and Peter Adams, a Committee to carry out the provisions of the above Resolutions.

In explanation of the delay in the appearance of the following compilation, the undersigned would state, that numerous and indispensable engagements have prevented an earlier attention to the duty assigned him by the Grand Lodge. In view of the destitution of the Subordinate Lodges of copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, he regrets the delay which has unavoidably occurred. The earliest and most careful attention, however, has been given to the preparation of the *Digest*, that was consistent with prior obligations. WILL. K. BLAKE, Chairman.

Greensboro', N. C., May 1st, 1856.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS

OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior, and Grand Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Deacons, and the Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several Lodges, within this State, or Representative or Representatives, specially appointed for that purpose, who shall be considered as their proxy, or proxies, and the Past Grand officers of the Grand Lodge—that is to say, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurers and Grand Secretaries—and the said enumerated officers and persons shall be the only members and voters of the Grand Lodge. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge are the Representatives thereof in the Grand Lodge, or their proxy or proxies, or the Representative or Representatives constituted as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. In all cases where special Representatives shall not be appointed by any Subordinate Lodge, and the Master and Wardens of any Lodge cannot, personally, attend the Grand Lodge, they shall have the privilege of constituting a proxy; and such proxy shall be a Master Mason, and a member of some Lodge under this jurisdiction; and he or they shall be entitled to the same number of votes as his or their constituent or constituents.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. A Grand Master shall be annually chosen, to wit—at the annual Communication; and no person shall fill the office more than three years successively, unless by a unanimous vote.

SEC. 2. In the election of Grand Master, a ballot at large shall be taken, (every voter writing the name of the candidate he thinks best qualified) and the brother who has two-thirds of the votes present, shall be declared Grand Master elect, and installed in due form, according to ancient usage.

SEC. 3. In cases of sickness, or necessary absence, the Grand Master, or any other Grand officer may be installed by proxy; but whoever represents them must have sustained the office to which such absent officer is to be installed, or such office as might have entitled him to fill the chair in the absence of the Grand Master.

SEC. 4. The Grand Master shall appoint and commission his Deputy and the Grand Lecturers, under the seal of the Grand Lodge; and he shall appoint and declare the Grand Chaplains, Grand Deacons, the Grand Steward, the Grand Marshall, the Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tyler, and Grand Sword Bearer: which appointments shall be entered on the Minutes of the Grand Lodge; and, in case any other office shall become vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Grand Master, for the time, shall fill such vacancy by his nomination.

SEC. 5. The Grand Master shall, when present, indispensably fill the chair—in his absence the Deputy Grand Master—in the absence of both, the Senior Grand Warden—in the absence of these, the Junior Grand Warden—and in the case of the absence of all these officers, the eldest Grand officer in the Lodge is to fill the chair. And, that the Grand Lodge may always appear in due form, the presiding officer shall wear the Jewel of the Grand Master, and all others the Jewels of the offices they respectively represent.

SEC. 6. No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden shall, during his continuance in office, be Master or Warden to, or Representative of, a particular Lodge; and no brother shall be eligible to either of the said offices, who is not a Past Master.

SEC. 7. The Grand Master enjoys all the powers and prerogatives conferred by the ancient Constitutions and usages of the Craft. He has power absolutely to prohibit the introduction of any matter conflicting with the spirit of Masonry, or with Grand Lodge regulations; and his decision on all questions shall be final, unless reversed by a vote of two thirds of the members present. He may convene any Lodge within his jurisdiction, preside threin (with his officers or otherwise,) inspect their proceedings, and correct all irregularities, or he may appoint a suitable Brother for that purpose. For any dereliction of duty, or other un-Masonic conduct, he may suspend a Brother, whatever may be his grade, or arrest the Charter of a Lodge, until the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge, before which he shall present all the circumstances connected with the case. He may, also, grant dispensations on all proper occasions, and do all such other acts and deeds as are warranted or required of him by the regulations and ancient usages of the Fraternity.

SEC. 8. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, shall, severally, at the time of their installation, make the following declaration:—"I solemly promise, upon the honor of a Mason, that in the office of————, I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and other ancient Masonic usages."

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Grand Wardens shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes, and must be Past Masters.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes.

SEC. 2. He must be a brother of good worldly substance, and to him shall be committed the monies belonging to the Grand Lodge. He shall always keep a fair record of his accounts and transactions, and the uses to which the monies are appropriated; and shall lay the same, when required, before the Grand Lodge, and account for the monies, as may be directed.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The Grand Secretary shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes.

SEC. 2. He must be a brother who can write a fair and legible hand, and shall keep accurate records of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge. He shall present all the votes and orders of the Grand Lodge, after they are entered, to the Grand Master for his approbation and signature. He shall issue summonses, as the Grand Master may direct; and shall give a seasonable notice in at least one public newspaper of every stated meeting of the Grand Lodge; and he shall be rewarded for his services in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. None but Master Masons, members of regular Lodges, shall be members of the Grand Lodge, or be eligible to any office or appointment therein.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lecturers shall qualify themselves for their duties, and attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and exemplify the work and lectures of the several degrees, when required. They shall visit the several Lodges when required—lecture and instruct them in work, and see that they are properly regulated and conducted. For their services they shall be suitably compensated, in such manner as the Grand Lodge may provide.

SEC. 3. The Grand Marshal shall attend to the organization of the Grand Lodge, collect petitions and communications, introduce visitors, direct the formation of processions, and execute commands of the Grand Master.

SEC. 4. The Grand Sword-bearer and Pursuivant shall act as assistants to the Grand Marshal.

SEC. 5. The Grand Deacons shall occupy their proper stations, and each attend to his particular duty.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chaplains, when called upon, are to perform all suitable clerical duties.

SEC. 7. The Grand Steward and Tyler shall attend every call of the Grand Master, and be present at every Grand Com-

munication; for which services a suitable compensation shall be made. He shall attend yearly, in season, to having the Grand Lodge room properly prepared for the reception of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. A Grand Lodge shall be held at least once in every year, and the Grand Master may call special meetings, whenever he shall deem it advisable.

SEC. 2. In the adoption of this Constitution, and all amendments hereafter made, and in the election of officers, the votes shall be taken according to the rights of the several Lodges, and the members of the Grand Lodge—that is to say, every Lodge present by its Representatives—shall be entitled to three votes, whether represented by one or more brethren; and every member of the Grand Lodge otherwise entitled than by being a representative of a particular Lodge, shall have one vote; all matters in the Grand Lodge not otherwise provided for, shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present, and the brother in the chair shall have the casting vote.

SEC. 3. The Grand Lodge shall have power by charter, under their seal, in form heretofore used, to constitute new Lodges, to establish an uniform mode of working in all the Lodges in this State, and superintend and regulate the general police of Masonry, according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons, —carefully regarding the old land-marks, which are, on no account, to be removed or defaced.

SEC. 4. The Grand Lodge shall be the supreme Masonic authority within the State of North Carolina, and shall claim and exercise all the original essential powers, privileges, rights and authority appertaining to the ancient craft; and shall, moreover, rank on an equality with all other regularly constituted Grand Lodges; and be empowered to legislate upon all matters of Masonic government; and make all necessary regulations for its own government and that of its subordinates.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. No new charter shall be granted, but upon the peti-

tion of at least seven known and approved Master Masons; nor shall a new warrant issue to any number of Masons, residing within less than ten miles of the usual place of meeting of any regularly established Lodge, unless important benefits are to be derived therefrom; and the petition shall contain the causes which render it expedient that such a charter should be granted, with the nomination of the Master and Wardens; and the petition shall be approved by some regular constituted Lodge in the vicinity of the petitioners.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. No amendment to this Constitution shall be adopted by the Grand Lodge, until the same, after being proposed in writing to the Grand Lodge, and thereby concurred with, shall be submitted to the consideration of all the individual Lodges, and adopted by at least two-thirds of all the said Lodges.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS,

OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SEC. 1. The annual meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Raleigh on the first Monday of December in each and every year.

SEC. 2. The Representatives of three Subordinate Lodges, with such Grand Officers and members as may be in attendance, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3. The Grand Lodge shall continue in session until all legitimate business coming before it, shall have been disposed of, or until closed by the Grand Master.

SEC. 4. Immediately on the organization of the Grand Lodge, the presiding Officer shall appoint a Committee of three, to whom shall be referred the credentials of all claiming a seat; and upon a satisfactory Report, and as soon as he may deem it advisable, the Grand Master shall proceed to the appointment of the following standing Committees, each to consist of a discretionary number of members, to wit:

1st. *A Committee on Charters and Dispensations;* to whom shall be referred all matters appertaining to the constituting or Chartering of Lodges.

2nd. *A Committee on Foreign Communications and Miscellaneous subjects;* to whom shall be referred all foreign communications, and such miscellaneous matters, as may not otherwise be specially disposed of.

3rd. *A Committee on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Sub-*

ordinate Lodges; to whom shall be referred the By-Laws, Returns and Proceedings of the several Lodges, together with every other matter relating in any way to said Lodges, and which may not meet with any other disposition.

4th. *A Committee on Accounts and Claims;* whose duty it shall be to examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts, and also all other accounts and claims in which the Grand Lodge may be interested, and report the existing condition of the Grand Treasury.

SEC. 5. After the Grand Master shall have presented his annual Message, he shall appoint a special committee of reference, who shall take the same in charge, and make a report, specifying the appropriate committees to whom the several subjects therein noticed shall be referred.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. All Communications and Documents must first be submitted to the inspection of the Grand Master, before they can properly come before the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Every Resolution or Motion submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall, if required, be reduced to writing and referred to appropriate committees.

SEC. 3. Every Member wishing to address the Grand Lodge, shall rise and respectfully address himself to the *Most Worshipful Grand Master*, confining his remarks to the subject under consideration, and avoiding personality and all gross expressions.

SEC. 4. No Member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission, nor shall he interrupt another when decorously addressing the Grand Lodge. All calls to order shall be addressed to the chair.

SEC. 5. No motion shall be debateable until seconded and stated from the chair, when it shall be considered in possession of the Grand Lodge and cannot be withdrawn, except by the mover, previous to decision or amendment. A question, when put by the Grand Master, cannot after be debated.

SEC. 6. No motion to close or call off is admissible, that responsibility resting alone with the Grand Master, who is obli-

gated to allow the occurrence of nothing tending to interrupt or defeat the regular course of any business legitimately coming before the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 7. On all other matters, the Rules which generally govern deliberative assemblies, shall be observed.

SEC. 8. No member, during the session of the Grand Lodge, shall leave the Hall, or absent himself from the City, without permission of the Grand Master.

SEC. 9. No vote of the Grand Lodge shall be reconsidered by a less number of members than were present at the passing of the same.

SEC. 10. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge but such as are members, excepting petitioners and witnesses; Provided, that the brethren properly entitled by their grade in Masonry, may, by permission from the chair, be admitted as visiters; in neither of which cases shall they be admitted to vote.

SEC. 11. The first business in course, shall be the reading of the proceedings of the previous session, or the consideration and disposal of all unfinished business appearing therein.

SEC. 12. All Committees chosen or appointed, shall report their proceedings in writing—the first named Brother on each to be Chairman; unless he waive his right to another.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. Dispensations for New Lodges may be granted upon petition to the Grand Master, or the Dep. Grand Master, of not less than seven Worthy Master Masons, said petitioners to be known and recommended by a Lodge nearest their residence, accompanied by a fee of five dollars.

SEC. 2. The Grand Secretary shall always keep on hand a sufficient number of Diplomas with Grand Lodge certificates attached, for the use of the Subordinate Lodges, for which they shall pay fifty cents each copy, one half whereof shall go into the Grand Treasury, the other to the Grand Secretary for affixing seal, &c.

SEC. 3. No monies shall be paid out of the Grand Treasury,

unless authorized by the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Master.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, shall receive and receipt for all monies due the Grand Lodge, handing the amount over each day to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; and as compensation for his services he shall receive a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars; in addition to which, he shall be entitled to one dollar for engrossing a Dispensation or Charter and affixing seal, and one dollar for every certificate or document requiring a seal. Diplomas and papers required by the Grand Master are excepted. The Grand Secretary shall employ an assistant during the session of the Grand Lodge and pay him out of his aforesaid salary.

SEC. 5. Appeals brought up to the Grand Lodge will not be considered, unless the same be in writing, accompanied with all necessary papers, proceedings and proofs, when consistent, to enable the formation of a correct decision. When the matter is thus properly presented, it shall be referred to a special committee. All grievances shall be disposed of in the same manner. In any extreme case, however, it will be competent for the Grand Lodge to deviate from the above rule.

SEC. 6. Whenever any property, funds, furniture, &c., shall become forfeited to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall have power, at his discretion, to sell, lease or rent the same, or to loan to a Lodge any part thereof until the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge; or he may restore such property on the revival of a Lodge.

SEC. 7. Representatives to the Grand Lodge must bear wtih them certificates of appointment, under the seal of the Lodge they represent, attested by the Secretary; and all credentials must be handed to the Grand Secretary, together with all fees or dues.

SEC. 8. Every dispensation granted must be returned to the Grand Lodge at its ensuing session, together with a copy of the By-Laws of the new Lodge, and attested transcript of its proceedings, a list of officers and members, and a fee of ten dollars, for which a charter shall be issued, if so directed by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The price, chargeable by Subordinate Lodges, for the three Degrees of Masonry, shall not be less than twenty dollars.

Sec. 2. Any Mason so reckless of his duty as to lend his influence, or give a certificate or recommendation to enable an individual, in defiance of expressed disapprobation or known regulation of a Lodge, to thrust himself into their society, may be suspended or expelled by the injured Lodge or other competent tribunal, the proper usages in such cases to be observed.

Sec. 3. No chartered Lodge can proceed to work, until the Master be regularly installed, either by the Grand Master in person, or by some Past Master duly authorised.

Sec. 4. All regular Lodges under this jurisdiction, with not less than seven members, have the right to convene as free and accepted Masons, receive petitions, confer the degrees of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, admit members, and assess fees therefor; to choose officers annually, exact quarterage, establish a charity fund, frame and adopt By-Laws, and act upon all other matters of Masonic concernment not inconsistent with their charters, the laws of the Grand Lodge, or the ancient usages of the craft.

Sec. 5. Every Lodge shall hold at least one regular monthly meeting, which can only be suspended, and then temporarily, on great emergency.

Sec. 6. Every Lodge which shall cease to meet for twelve months, or neglect to make returns and forward dues to the Grand Lodge for two successive terms, shall forfeit its charter; and no such charter shall be restored except on application by the Master, Wardens or seven members, accompanied by satisfactory explanations, to be approved by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master during recess.

Sec. 7. No Lodge can suspend its By-Laws, or allow a petition to be withdrawn, after the day of its presentation, without first obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master.

Sec. 8. No business can be transacted at an extra meeting other than that for which it was called, nor can such meeting

receive petitions, ballot, or engage in any other business affecting the general interests of the craft. The presence of Grand officers warrant exceptions.

Sec. 9. The Master, only, has power to convene his Lodge; or, in his absence, the Wardens by seniority. All meetings, as a Lodge, otherwise convened, together with the proceedings therein, unless sustained by dispensation, shall be considered clandestine, and subject all so improperly concerned to the severest penalties.

Sec. 10. Every petition shall be submitted to a committee of inquiry and lie over at least one month, unless in cases of pressing emergency, which shall not be considered to exist unless the candidate is about to journey abroad; neither shall more than one degree be conferred on the same day, except as above provided, unless due proficiency be attained in each advancing step, to be manifested in open Lodge. An excess of five candidates shall not be received on the same day.

Sec. 11. On ballotting for a candidate, one black ball shall reject without a question—except that a second ballot may be demanded to be satisfied of no mistake.

Sec. 12. No Lodge shall act upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees, whose residence is nearer some other Lodge, unless by written sanctions of such Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge of the State from which he hails.

Sec. 13. A petition, once rejected, shall not again be acted upon within the space of one year.

Sec. 14. No business shall be transacted in any other than a Master's Lodge, excepting only such as pertains especially to the work and lectures of the E. A. or F. C. degrees.

Sec. 15. Every Lodge has the power to arraign its members, or any other Mason within its jurisdiction, on a charge of immoral or un-Masonic conduct; and after due investigation, may proceed to pass such lawful sentence as the aggravation of the case shall warrant—provided that, in case of suspension or expulsion, a transcript of the whole proceedings be laid before the ensuing Grand Lodge, to be confirmed or reversed.

Sec. 16. Whenever charges are preferred against a brother,

he shall be notified or cited through the Post Office or otherwise, at least ten days before the day of trial, and be furnished with a copy, under the Secretary's hand, of the charges and specifications. Should he fail to attend, the trial may proceed ex-parte. Any evidence, allowable in a court, may be taken on honor; and every facility shall be allowed the accused for his defence. When the case is closed, the sense of the Lodge shall be taken through the ballot box. If guilty, the penalty shall be determined in like manner, requiring a vote of two-thirds present to suspend or expel—from which an appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 17. Every Lodge under this jurisdiction shall make regular annual returns to the Grand Lodge, containing a list of the officers and members; a list of those initiated, passed, raised and admitted; of deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, expulsions and rejections; and of all resident Masons not members, to be certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge. Each Lodge shall likewise transmit with its returns, such annual dues or fees, as the Grand Lodge may at any time assess.

Sec. 18. In conferring the degrees, the lectures appertaining thereto shall indispensably be delivered; and it shall be considered irregular, in the opening or closing of a Lodge, to waive any portion of the ceremonies.

Sec. 19. In case of the suspension or demise of any Lodge, the charter, furniture, jewels, funds and property shall be delivered to such person as may be authorized by the Grand Master to receive the same—the witholding or other disposal of such effects will subject the parties concerned to the severest penalties.

Sec. 20. None but Master Masons of good standing, against whom no other Lodge has claims, can be admitted to membership in any Lodge.

Sec. 21. In order to insure a uniformity of work and lectures in all the Lodges, they shall suffer no other system to be introduced, but such as may be taught or authorized by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 22. The regalia worn in Lodge shall be such only as may be recognized therein—that worn on public occasions,

white aprons with suitable devices, trimmed with blue, and blue collars for the officers, trimmed with white, having appended thereto the appropriate jewels—in funeral processions, the clothing shall be white aprons and gloves, the officers wearing, in addition, their jewels.

Sec. 23. It is the duty of the Master of every Lodge, on the decease of a member, or sojourning brother, to ascertain if Masonic honors would be agreeable, and take measures accordingly.

Sec. 24. No Mason can be a member of more than one Lodge at one and the same time.

Sec. 25. Every Lodge shall appoint a committee of reference, to consist of at least three judicious persons, who shall patiently and impartially consider and pass upon all such matters of controversy or dispute, unfortunately arising at any time among the brothers, as may be submitted for their decision. Should either party be dissatisfied with the judgment, an appeal may be made to the Lodge.

Sec. 26. A Lodge cannot be opened unless the dispensation or charter be present—which are considered to be under the special charge of the Master.

Sec. 27. The decision of the Master of a Lodge cannot be reversed; neither can a Lodge try its Master—but any three members, after giving due notice, may, in case of a wilful neglect of duty on his part, or for gross un-Masonic conduct, prefer charges against him before the Grand Lodge, whose action shall be abided; or, the Grand Master, during recess, has power to suspend.

Sec. 28. A brother, whose expulsion may have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge, can only be restored by that body, or by the unanimous vote of the Lodge by which he was suspended. Restoration by the Grand Lodge does not extend to membership.

Sec. 29. The introduction or use of intoxicating drink is prohibited to every Lodge, regardless of the occasion.

Sec. 30. Every Lodge shall hold sacred all initiation fees for charitable or educational purposes, unless the necessity should present, requiring their use in providing suitable accommodations, or for providing essential fixtures.

Sec. 31. Every applicant for initiation must be free-born; and no individual, physically so deformed, as to disable him from honestly acquiring the means of subsistence, or who may be incapacitated to become an useful member, shall be initiated in any Lodge.

Sec. 32. The ceremonies may be arrested at any time previous to the conferring of either degree, should a member so insist, and show satisfactory cause therefor.

Sec. 33. None of the provisions in any of the above sections can be deviated from, except by dispensation from the Grand Master.

Sec. 34. Whenever a Lodge shall suspend or expel a brother, notice of the same shall be immediately transmitted to the other Lodges in the State, and to the Grand Secretary. The charges and proceedings in the case shall, indispensably, be sent up to the ensuing Grand Lodge for final action.

Sec. 35. No Lodge can, rightfully, suspend or expel a Mason for a disregard of any special regulations conditioned upon membership—such as non-payment of arrears, non-attendance, or transgressions of minor consideration, the severest penalty for which shall be dismembership. Disclosures to others than Masons, of transactions within a Lodge, of serious importance, will of course be considered as exceptions, and may be dealt with in severity commensurate with the magnitude of the offence.

Sec. 36. A becoming solemnity shall be observed during the introduction or advancement of a candidate, and no unsanctioned ceremony shall, under any consideration, be permitted.

Sec. 37. The utmost decorum should be observed in every Lodge; and no infringement of the established usages regarding respect and behavior should, under any pretence, be countenanced or allowed.

Sec. 38. No Lodge shall be removed, without the Master's knowledge. No motion shall be made for removal, in the Master's absence; and, if the motion be seconded, the Master shall order summonses to every individual member, specifying the business, and appoint a day for hearing and determining the affair, at *least ten days before it is to take place;* and the determination shall be made by the majority, provided the

Master be one of that majority. But if he be of the minority against removing, the Lodge shall not be removed, unless the majority consist of full two-thirds of the members present.—But, if the Master refuse to direct such summonses, either of the Wardens may do it; and if the Master neglect to attend on the day fixed, the Wardens may preside, in determining the affair, in the manner prescribed; but they shall not, in the Master's absence, enter upon any other cause than what is particularly mentioned in the summons. If the Lodge be thus regularly ordered to be removed, the Master or Warden shall send notice thereof to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, for publishing the same at the next communication. No Lodge shall be deemed regularly removed, until the removal thereof be approved by the Grand Master, or his Deputy for the time being. No Lodge shall be regularly removed, unless the laws relating to removals be strictly complied with; and, that the same may be duly ascertained, it is necessary that the books of every Lodge, intended to be removed, be particularly inspected by the Grand Secretary, before any removal takes place.

Sec. 39. No alteration or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made unless by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at any Grand Communication, when the same shall be proposed.

RULES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES IN MASONIC TRIALS.

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1. The accusation must be made in writing over the signature of a Master Mason, and handed to the Secretary to be read in open Lodge, and spread upon the minutes, after which the accused shall be served with an attested copy of the charges and specifications, together with a notice through the Post Office or otherwise, at least ten days before the day of trial, to appear and answer, and should his place of residence be at a distance, or he require more time to prepare for defence, a reasonable time may be allowed. If the residence of the accused be unknown, or he fails to appear, or to show satisfactory cause for delay of proceedings, then and in that case the Lodge may proceed to examine the charges ex-parte.

2. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Master Mason's Lodge, especially notified and convened for that purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses, and the Lodge must be called off during the necessary presence of such persons, if they be not Master Masons.

3. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor. Hearsay evidence must be excluded. If testimony be taken out of the Lodge, the accused, if he answer or appear, shall be duly notified of the time and place where such evidence will be taken, that he may have an opportunity of being present.

4. No irrelevant questions or testimony shall be allowed in the examination of witnesses. The Master may conduct the examination on behalf of the Lodge, or it may appoint a committee for that purpose, and the questions to, as well as the answers by the witnesses, must be carefully noted down, read, and if necessary, amended in their presence, and then spread upon the minutes.

5. When the examination is closed, the accused shall then be heard in defence, either in person or through his counsel, after which all who are not members of the Lodge shall retire, and if during the examination it shall have been called off, the Lodge must then be called on.

6. The question, guilty or not guilty, shall be put to the Lodge, upon each separate specification, which a majority of the members present shall determine by ballot, and if the accused be found guilty of any one or more of the charges or specifications, then the penalty shall be determined in like manner, taking the question upon the highest penalty, (expulsion) first, a vote of two-thirds of the members present being necessary to expel or suspend. The particular charges or specifications upon which the accused shall be found guilty, together with the sentence determined upon upon, must be spread upon the minutes.

7. A brother feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a Subordinate Lodge, shall have the right of an appeal to the Grand Lodge, he having given due and timely notice to the Subordinate Lodge of his intention so to appeal from its decision, and the Secretary of said Lodge, if required, shall furnish him with a copy of all the proceedings touching his case.

When a Subordinate Lodge shall expel or suspend a brother, all the proceedings, embracing the charges, specifications, evidence on both sides, verdict upon each charge or specification, and the sentence, shall be sent up, under the seal of the Lodge, and attested by the Secretary, at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge, for examination.

ADDRESS

TO THE GRAND MASTER AT THE INSTALLATION.

"I am desired, Most Worshipful, to install you into your high office as Grand Master of Masons. Do you promise, upon the honor of a Mason, that, in the office of Grand Master, you will, according to the best of your abilities, strictly comply with the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and other ancient Masonic usages?

Give me leave to invest you with the badge of your office. This will silently admonish you always to do justice to the cause of Masonry;—to consult, as the exalted rank you now hold demands of you, its real interests.

It will instruct you to infuse into the many Lodges, of which you are now the head, the true spirit of the order. It will direct you to make wise regulations for the good government of the Fraternity; to give due commendation to the worthy members of it; and to rebuke those who act contrary to its laws.

I next deliver to you the emblem of that power with which you are now invested. Always make use of it for the good of our benevolent institution.

To you are committed, also, those Sacred Writings in which are to be found the sublime part of our Ancient Mystery. In them are, likewise, inculcated the social and moral duties, without which no man can be a Mason. You will direct your Lodges to read, study, and obey them.

Receive the tools of Operative Masonry, which are, to each of us, the most expressive symbols. These will assist you, Most Worshipful, to reduce all matter into proper form; to bring to due subjection irregular passions; and to circumscribe them by harmony, order, and duty.

And lastly, I present you the Book of Constitutions, in which are contained the rules and orders made for the good govern-

ment of the Society; and the charges which show its nature, its wisdom, and its utility. With this book, Most Worshipful, you will direct your Lodges to make themselves well acquainted—a work, in all its parts, worthy the attention of men, the most enlightened and judicious.

You are now, Most Worshipful, at the head of an Order which is calculated to unite men by true friendship, to extend benevolence, and to promote virtue. And give me leave to say, that the honor with which you are now invested is not unworthy of a man of the highest rank, or most distinguished abilities. Permit me, also, to remind you, that your faithful attention to the duties of your office, and acceptable discharge of them, will render you of great benefit to one of the most liberal institutions upon earth."

May you do honor to your exalted station, and long enjoy the highest respect and best wishes of all the Fraternity.

Which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. HILL,
H. W. MILLER,
JAMES T. MARRIOTT.

RESOLUTIONS

NOW IN FORCE, OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 21st DECEMBER, A. L., 5809.

Resolved, That the Grand Msster be requested to direct the Grand Secretary to lay before him all the communications received during the recess of the Grand Lodge, in due time, previous to the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, so that the Grand Master may lay before this Grand Lodge such an abstract thereof as he may deem proper for its consideration.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5835.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge feel it a duty, which they owe to themselves, as well as the whole Masonic Fraternity, to declare, that while its individual members are left to the free, unmolested enjoyment of their sentiments, upon the various subjects connected with religion and politics, and the right to judge of men and their actions; they hereby, most solemnly declare, that Masonic Bodies have not the right to connect the Institution with the *sectarian* or *party* views of either; that any attempt thereat, is a gross innovation upon those principles, which among good and correct Masons, are universally acknowledged, and should be practiced upon.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, do at this time, as they have hitherto done, declare to the world, that the object of their association and motives for continuing therein are founded upon the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. They disclaim the right of Masons to inflict corporal punishments, and acknowledge no other right to enforce obedience from its members than reprimand, suspension and expulsion.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5837.

Resolved, That from and after this time, the price of a Dispensation, granted by this Lodge or by the Grand Master, be five dollars, and that the price of a Charter be ten dollars, and that the same be received by the Grand Secretary when he delivers over the Dispensation or Charter.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be entitled to retain out of the monies received for every Dispensation or Charter hereafter granted by this Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master, one dollar, as his fee for filling up and making out the form; and that he pay the balance over to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the price of a Diploma granted by this Grand Lodge, or by the officers thereof, shall be five dollars; and that the same shall accrue to, and be a part of the perquisites of the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have Dispensations, Charters and Diplomas printed from time to time, as they may be needed, and that the cost of the same be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5838.

Resolved, That from and after the first day of March next, the fees for the Entered Apprentice Degree shall be six dollars; for the Fellow Craft's, four dollars; and for the Master's degree, ten dollars; which shall be the fees to be paid to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, exclusive of the Tyler's fees.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5839.

Resolved, That from and after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, it shall be discretionary with the several Subordinate Lodges in this State, to establish any ratio of fees they may think proper for conferring the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; provided the same shall not be less than the rate fixed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5840.

Resolved, That it shall from this time forth, be the duty of the Grand Treasurer, at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to file with the Grand Secretary a statement of the amount of monies and other funds of the Grand Lodge in his hands, which statement the Grand Secretary shall file among his papers, and preserve for the use of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5844.

Resolved, That from and after this Communication, there shall annually, be appointed a Committee, consisting of two members, whose duty it shall be to examine the records of the Grand Lodge, and see that its proceedings have been faithfully recorded.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L, 5846.

Resolved, That a belief in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, is essential to the faithful fulfilment of the duties required by the Order of Masonry in all christian countries, and that a denial of the same is in conflict with the principles of our Institution, calling for reprobation.

Resolved, That from and after this Grand Communication the Subordinate Lodges shall pay into the Grand Treasury as an annual stipend, the sum of fifteen dollars: Provided, that no Lodge be required to pay more than one dollar for each of its members.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5847.

Resolved, That hereafter, no individual shall act as proxy for more than one Lodge at the same time in the sessions of this Grand Lodge. (amended in 1848, and extended to three Lodges.)

Resolved, That hereafter, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be required to make their report at the meeting of the Grand Lodge next succeeding their appointment.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5848.

Resolved, That from and after this Communication, the dues from Subordinate Lodges shall not under any circumstances be remitted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5849.

Resolved, That the work of Brother L. L. Stephenson, be received as the work of the Craft in this State, and that the Subordinate Lodges conform thereto.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5850.

Resolved, That the 2nd Section of the 8th article of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: "In the adoption of this Constitution. and all amendments hereafter made, and in the election of Officers. and on all other matters in the Grand Lodge, (when demanded) the votes shall be taken according to the rights of the several Lodges; and the members of the Grand Lodge, that is to say, every Lodge present by its representation, shall be entitled to three votes, whether represented by one or more brethren; and every member of the Grand Lodge, otherwise entitled than by being a Representative of a particular Lodge, shall have one vote: provided, that this shall in no wise affect any rights of the Past Grand Officers. In cases of a tie, the Brother in the Chair shall have the casting vote.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5850.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to deliver his Annual Address on Monday evening of every Annual Communication.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5851.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to set apart one day at each Grand Communication, to lecture and exemplify the work; and that he call to his aid such brethren as he may think proper.

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, besides his usual perquisites; and that he be required to employ an assistant during the Session of the Grand Lodge, to be paid out of his salary. (Amended in 1854, and salary increased to two hundred dollars.)

Resolved, That upon the death of any Master Mason, in good standing, and who is a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of such Subordinate Lodge to furnish the widow or orphans of such deceased member, a certificate, under the seal of the Lodge, of his membership, standing and death, without any application or charge therefor.

Resolved, That any Mason of good standing as a citizen, whose Lodge has become dormant, upon satisfying any Lodge in his immediate neighborhood, may be entitled to become a member of such Lodge, by and with their consent, upon such terms as other Masons are admitted.

Resolved, That the Masters of the Subordinate Lodges cause to be sent with their Annual returns, the dates of their Charters; and that they observe the form of returns adopted by the Grand Lodge, reporting in tabular form, the number of initiations, passings and raisings, deaths, withdrawals, suspensions and expulsions, together with the names of resident masons not members, residing within the jurisdiction of each Subordinate Lodge, and in figures, the entire number of each.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint the Masters of all the Subordinate Lodges in the State, agents to solicit and collect funds for St. John's College, and that they not only solicit funds from their respective Lodges, but all Masons residing in their jurisdiction; and that they pay over any funds they may collect to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and that said agents report to each Grand Communication. (Amended in 1854, so that the Masters of Lodges are not required to make returns as agents of St. John's College, unless they have some collections or subscriptions to report.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5852.

Resolved, That the delegates to the Grand Lodge be requested to state, on their returns, the location, county and town or place, and also the time of holding their regular meetings; and that the Subordinate Lodges be required to do the same in all future returns.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed blank forms of returns of the Subordinate Lodges, before the annual meeting of each Grand Lodge, and distribute the same amongst the Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted in 1850, relative to balloting for degrees, be readopted. (The following is the resolution of 1850:)

Resolved, That, upon balloting upon a petition, the applicant is balloted for to be a Master Mason. It is however proper, if a brother shall desire it, to demand a second ballot upon his application for passing and raising.

Resolved, That we believe it to be inconsistent with the principles of Ancient Free Masonry, for any Lodge to hold its regular, or any other meeting, on the Holy Sabbath, for the purpose of initiating, passing or raising a candidate, or any other business, except on funeral occasions, or cases of charity.

Resolved, That the 5th section, article 4th, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended, by inserting the words *non-affiliated* before the word *Mason*, in the second line, and striking out the word *other* before the word *Mason* in the same line.

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy of their report at least one week before the meeting of each annual Grand Communication.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary furnish said Committee with all matter as soon as it comes to hand; and that he have 400 copies of the Annual Report printed for the use of the members.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of St. John's College be, and they are hereby required, to make an annual Report of all their acts and doings to this Grand Lodge. That the President and Treasurer of St. John's College be requested, and are hereby required, to attend the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognizes the authority of the different Grand Lodges in the United States, over the jurisdiction claimed by them, and do not recognize the authority of any other body whatever claiming jurisdiction which interferes or conflicts with the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That Lodges constituted by any other body are not entitled to be recognized as legally constituted, and the members of such Lodges, and those initiated therein, are not lawful brothers, nor entitled to visit and communicate with the Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges.

Resolved, That the practice of publishing the names of rejected applicants for Masonic honors, be discontinued by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That an expulsion from an Encampment does not affect the standing of the individual in any Blue Lodge to which he may belong.

Resolved, That the Officers of this Grand Lodge, the Past Grand Officers, and Trustees of St. John's College, are requested to solicit donations, receive monies, and pay over the same to the Treasurer of St. John's College.

Resolved, That whereas, many have asked and obtained leave of absence during the present Communication of this Grand Lodge, no one be permitted, after having taken his seat as a representative of a Subordinate Lodge, to have leave of absence before all business be transacted, unless in very great emergencies, to be judged of by the M. W. Grand Master.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5853.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary notify each Subordinate Lodge that section 7th of article 3d, and section 17th of article 4th of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, will hereafter be strictly enforced.

Resolved, That the following additional standing committee be added to those to be appointed by the Grand Master at each session of the Grand Lodge, as an amendment to section 4th of article 5th of the By-Laws, viz: "5. A Committee on Schools under the management of Subordinate Lodges."

Resolved, That the State be divided into two districts, with two Grand Lecturers, appointed by the Grand Master, who shall also act as agents of St. John's College, and who shall be paid in manner and form as the Trustees may agree with said Grand Lecturers—except drawing on the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That in addition to the two Grand Lecturers and Agents for St. John's College, the M. W. Grand Master appoint one well-informed Grand Lecturer for the State at large, and who shall communicate with the

two for concert and unanimity of work, and with whom the Trustees may contract as an authorized agent of the College, not to be paid however, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge. (To the above resolution, the following unrepealed resolution, adopted in 1849, is appended :)

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer be ex-officio a member of this Grand Lodge, and that he be authorised to call together the Subordinate Lodges in the name of the Grand Lodge, at their respective Lodges, in order to lecture and exemplify the work.

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master of each Subordinate Lodge be required to read, or cause to be read, before his Lodge, the annual proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the representatives from Subordinate Lodges bringing up proceedings in cases of suspensions and expulsions, be required to place them directly in the hands of the appropriate Committee.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5854.

Resolved, That hereafter no proxy shall make another proxy unless the power to do so shall be expressly given by his Principal.

Resolved, That all Lodges hereafter chartered shall be numbered according to the date of their Charters, and that in future, numbers rendered blank by the death of Lodges shall not be filled.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be required to tender to the Grand Officers of every Grand Communication all of their expenses incurred in attending said Communication.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER, A. L., 5855.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the Subordinate Lodges, to protect themselves from the intrusion of non-affiliated Masons, by imposing some amount for them to pay—which amount shall be discretionary with each Lodge; provided, no Lodge imposes a sum greater than the annual fee.

Resolved, That hereafter the election for Grand Officers shall take place on the second day of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The foregoing comprise the most important Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, now in force.

Many Resolutions, however, have been omitted which were without general application; others, which were simply declaratory of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and which embodied no rule for the direction or government of Subordinate Lodges, have likewise been omitted.

I would call the special attention of Subordinate Lodges to the consideration of a Resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, proposing to amend the 1st article, section 2nd, of the Constitution, so as to read as follows:

Resolved, In the election of Grand Master, a ballot at large shall be taken, (every voter writing the name of the candidate he thinks best qualified) and the brother who has a majority of the votes present, shall be declared Grand Master elect, and installed in due form, according to ancient usages.

P. A. HOLT, *Grand Master.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON,

On Wednesday Nov'r 28, and Thursday Nov'r 29,

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PROCEEDINGS.

WILMINGTON, Wednesday, Nov'r 28, 1855.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina convened at half-past two o'clock this afternoon in the Hall of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2.

The Roll being called, the following Officers were found to be present:

Thos. M. Gardner, M. W. Grand Patriarch.
Henry L. Ward, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Chas. Lutterloh, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The following Officers, *pro tem.*, were appointed:

P. C. P. J. E. Morris, R. W. Grand Senior Warden; *P. C. P.* C. Lutterloh, R. W. Grand Scribe; *P. C. P.* John J. Conoley, R. W. Grand Junior Warden; *P. C. P.* Justin E. Jones, W. Grand Sentinel.

And the Grand Encampment was opened in due form.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Communication was dispensed with, and printed copies furnished the Patriarchs present.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed the following

Committee on Elections and Returns.—Patriarchs Andrews, Jones, and Ward.

Certificates of Representation being presented, were referred to the above-named Committee, who, after examination, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina:

The Committee on Elections and Returns beg leave to report: That the following Patriarchs have presented their Credentials:

P. C. P. J. J. Conoley, of Campbell Encampment, No. 1.
P. C. P. Charles Lutterloh, of Pine Encampment, No. 3.
P. C. P. J. E. Morris, of Calumet Encampment, No. 4.
P. C. P. J. E. Jones, of Pamlico Encampment, No. 6.
P. H. P. J. H. Jackson, of Neuse Encampment, No. 11.
P. C. P. Lee R. Gibson, of Hardenbergh Encampment, No. 12.

Which they have examined, and recommend that they be received into the Grand Encampment and the Grand Encampment Degree conferred upon them.

W. S. G. ANDREWS.
HENRY L. WARD.
J. E. JONES.

The above Report was concurred in, and Patriarchs Gibson and Jackson being introduced, received the G. E. D. and took seats as members of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Patriarch submitted the following Report:

PATRIARCHS: By the kind providence of God, we are again permitted to assemble in this Hall as a Grand Encampment. We have indeed great cause to be grateful for His many mercies and blessings to us since we last assembled.

I regret to say that the Encampment Branch of the Order has not flourished under my administration. One cause, I think, is, because the Encampments have been looking forward to a mergement of the two Branches of the Order. But as this is now improbable, I hope that this Branch of it will revive and flourish even more than in former days.

The correspondence of this office has been very limited, and no questions have arisen requiring the opinion of the Grand Patriarch.

On the 10th of July 1854, I received a Petition from seven Patriarchs holding Withdrawal Cards from Paisley Encampment, praying for a Dispensation to open an Encampment in the town of Germanton, Stokes county. Believing it would be for the good of the Order to establish a Camp at that place, I issued a Dispensation on the 24th of July 1854, and directed it to *D. D. G. P.* John Sloan, with instructions to hand it over to *P. C. P.* Peter Thurston, if he could not Institute the Camp. I have never been officially informed whether the Camp was instituted or not; Patriarch Gibson informed me on yesterday, however, that the Camp was Instituted on the 1st day of August 1854, by *P. C. P.* Peter Thurston. I therefore recommend that a Charter be granted to Hardenbergh Encampment, No. 12.

THOS. M. GARDNER, *G. P.*

On motion of Patriarch Andrews, the above Report was concurred in, and the thanks of the Grand Encampment tendered the Grand Patriarch for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

P. G. P. Disosway read the Report of Gr. Rep. Washington, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina:

In closing his term as your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the U. States, the undersigned embraces the opportunity to offer your R. W. Grand Body his thanks for the honor conferred upon him by the selection.

He has to regret that a disposition to ramble over the classic fields of the world on the other side of the Atlantic, prevented him from being present

at the *first* Session of the Grand Lodge after his appointment. The other Branch of the Order was in such competent hands, however, that the interests of North Carolina were in no danger of suffering.

Your Representative was present at the Communication held in Baltimore in September last. The Session was one of but little importance to the Order, if he may except the rejection, by a most decided vote, of the proposition to merge the two Branches into one. The all influential argument of *power* upon the *larger* organizations, renders it impossible to gain a deliberate and an impartial hearing of the heavy burdens the present system imposes upon the weaker ones. Rep. Steele, from the Grand Lodge of this State, presented the view entertained by North Carolina on this question, in a very able report as Chairman of the Committee appointed at the Communication of 1854, upon a plan of merging the two Branches. But so determined was the opposition to the measure, that the Lodge refused by a large vote to take the report from the table for consideration. The question may therefore be considered settled for some time to come.

The undersigned does not deem it necessary to call the attention of this Grand Encampment particularly to any other subject before the consideration of the Grand Lodge at its late Communication, especially as the proceedings of that Body will be in the hands of the members of this Grand Encampment in a very short time.

Renewing his thanks for the confidence reposed in him, he has the honor to subscribe himself

Your very humble servant,

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,

Grand Representative.

On motion of Patriarch Jones, the above Report was concurred in, and the thanks of the Grand Encampment returned to the Grand Representative for the faithful discharge of his duties.

R. W. Grand Senior Warden Maclean appeared and took his seat.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

Committee of Finance.—Patriarchs Disosway, Jackson, and Gibson.

On Correspondence.—Patriarchs Morris, Ward, and Maclean.

On Grievances.—Patriarchs Burr, Conoley, and Jones.

On By-Laws of Subordinates.—Patriarchs Andrews, Maclean, and Morris.

On Encampments not Represented.—Patriarchs Conoley, Disosway, and Burr.

On motion of Patriarch Jones, a Charter was granted to Hardenbergh Encampment, No. 12.

The Financial Reports of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were presented and read, and, together with the Statistical Report of the Grand Scribe, were referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of Patriarch Morris, the Grand Encampment proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year; and Patriarchs Morris and Repiton were appointed Tellers.

For Grand Patriarch—Patriarch Morris nominated Patriarch Burr; Patriarch Burr nominated Patriarch Ward; Patriarch Conoley nominated Patriarch Maclean.

On counting the votes, *P. C. P.* Henry L. Ward, of Ward Encampment, No. 9, was declared duly elected Grand Patriarch for the ensuing year.

For Grand High Priest—Patriarch Ward nominated Patriarch Maclean; Patriarch Morris nominated Patriarch Jones; Patriarch Smith nominated Patriarch Lutterloh.

On counting the votes, *P. C. P.* Justin E. Jones, of Pamlico Encampment, No. 6, was declared duly elected.

For Grand Senior Warden—Patriarch Burr nominated Patriarch Gibson; Patriarch Gibson nominated Patriarch Burr; Patriarch Conoley nominated Patriarch Lutterloh.

On counting the votes, *P. C. P.* Talcott Burr, Jr., of Campbell Encampment, No. 1, was declared duly elected.

For Grand Scribe—Patriarch Disosway nominated Patriarch Lutterloh; Patriarch Lutterloh nominated Patriarch Smith.

On counting the votes, *P. C. P.* Charles Lutterloh, of Pine Encampment, No. 3, was declared duly elected.

For Grand Treasurer—Patriarch Conoley nominated *P. C. P.* Andrew Maclean, of Campbell Encampment, No. 1, who was duly elected.

For Grand Junior Warden—Patriarch Burr nominated Patriarch Gibson; Patriarch Morris nominated Patriarch Jackson; Patriarch Conoley nominated Patriarch Repiton.

On counting the votes, *P. H. P.* J. H. Jackson, of Neuse Encampment, No. 11, was declared duly elected.

For Grand Representative—Patriarch Disosway nominated Patriarch Andrews; Patriarch Jackson nominated Patriarch Repiton.

On counting the votes, *P. C. P.* Wm. S. G. Andrews, of Campbell Encampment, No. 1, was declared duly elected.

The Committee on Encampments not Represented submitted the following Report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina:

The Committee on Encampments not Represented beg leave to report: That the following Encampments are not represented at this Communication, viz:

Bain Encampment, No. 2; Raleigh Encampment, No. 5; Warren Encampment, No. 7; Talula Encampment, No. 8, and Paisley Encampment, No. 10.

There being no farther business before this Committee, they beg to be discharged.

JOHN J. CONOLEY.
I. DISOSWAY.
T. BURR, Jr.

The Committee on By-Laws submitted the following Report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina:

The Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report: That no By-Laws have been submitted for their consideration.

Fraternally submitted.

W. S. G. ANDREWS.
A. MACLEAN.
J. E. MORRIS.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following Report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Officers, have examined the same, and find nothing requiring the attention of this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted.

J. E. MORRIS.
A. MACLEAN.
HENRY L. WARD.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following Report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina:

The Committee on Grievances take pleasure in stating to the Grand Encampment, that nothing requiring their attention has been brought to their notice during the present Communication,—which fact indicates the prevalence of great harmony throughout this Jurisdiction.

T. BURR, Jr.
J. E. JONES.
JOHN J. CONOLEY.

On motion of Patriarch Conoley, the Grand Encampment proceeded to the Installation of Officers, and the Officers elect were duly Installed by *P. C. P.* Andrews.

The Grand Patriarch appointed *P. C. P.* Lee R. Gibson, of Hardenbergh Encampment, No. 12, Grand Sentinel.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following Report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, have carefully examined the same, and find that the account of the Treasurer is exactly balanced, and that he has furnished the Committee with vouchers sustaining all payments made by him.

From an examination of the Grand Scribe's books, they are led to believe that there is a balance of $43 05 in his hands due this Grand Encampment, (though his account is balanced,) the above sum being entered in figures, but it is not stated what payment it represents. Presuming the opinion of the Committee to be correct, they would recommend that the Grand Scribe retain the same as payment in part of the sum of $150, due him by this Grand Encampment for his services as Scribe for the last three years.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee of Finance be concurred in.

Fraternally submitted.

I. DISOSWAY.
LEE R. GIBSON.
J. H. JACKSON.

Patriarch Disosway moved that the Grand Patriarch draw an order for $43 05 in favor of the late Grand Scribe—being the amount reported by him as in his hands. Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Grand Encampment adjourned, to meet at the call of the Grand Patriarch.

THURSDAY—12 O'CLOCK M.

The Grand Encampment met agreeable to the call of the Grand Patriarch.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Patriarch Conoley submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Scribe be authorized to procure books, charters, and all other papers requisite for him to discharge the duties of his office.

On motion of Patriarch Morris, the thanks of the Grand Encampment were tendered to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, for the use of its Hall during the present Communication.

The Grand Patriarch appointed the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS:

Campbell Encampment,	No.	1.—Andrew Maclean.
Bain	"	No. 2.—Henry G. Trader.
Pine	"	No. 3.—Chas. Lutterloh.
Calumet	"	No. 4.—J. E. Morris.
Raleigh	"	No. 5.—Isaac Proctor.
Pamlico	"	No. 6.—N. W. Cook.
Warren	"	No. 7.—Julius Wilcox.
Talula	"	No. 8.—Wm. H. Clark.
Ward	"	No. 9.—Thomas Brown.
Paisley	"	No. 10.—John Sloan.
Neuse	"	No. 11.—J. H. Jackson.
Hardenbergh	"	No. 12.—Lee R. Gibson.

On motion, the Grand Encampment adjourned, to meet in Greensborough on the Fourth Monday of November 1856.

CHAS. LUTTERLOH, Grand Scribe.

Dr. *Grand Encampment of North Carolina,*

1854,		
Aug. 1.	To cash paid Grand Treasurer, (C. Lutterloh,)	$32 00
20.	To " " " "	40 00
1855,		
Nov. 22.	To " " " "	12 05
	To cash paid Postages and Freights,	2 63
	To balance in hand,	43 05
		$129 73

Dr. *Grand Encampment of North Carolina,*

1854,		
Aug. 31.	To cash paid Rep. Tax to G. L. U. S., for 1854, through Grand Scribe,	$50 00
	Pd premium on Check,	50
1855,		
Sep. 5.	Pd Rep Tax, G. L. U. S., for 1855, through Gr. Scribe,	50 00
	Pd premium on Check,	50
Nov. 22.	Pd E. J. Hale & Son, printing Proceedings of 1854, &c.	28 50
		$129 50

in account with J. B. Newby, Grand Scribe. Cr.

1854,			
May 9.	By cash from Ward Encampment,	(Dues,)	$2 30
	By " " Pamlico "		26
July 17.	By " " " "		14 00
29.	By " " Paisley "		18 00
Aug. 18.	By " " Campbell "		10 45
	By " " Hardenbergh "	(Charter fee,)	30 00
22.	By " " Ward "	(Dues,)	4 00
Sep. 15.	By " " Pine "		3 20
1855,			
Jan. 19.	By " " Campbell "		11 34
22.	By " " Pamlico "		11 15
Feb. 5.	By " " Ward "		3 58
July 14.	By " " Pamlico "		13 55
Nov. 20.	By " " Pine "		7 90
			$129 73

J. B. NEWBY, *Grand Scribe.*

in account with C. Lutterloh, Gr. Treas'r. Cr.

1854,		
May 19.	By balance cash on hand last Report,	$45 45
Aug. 1.	By cash rec'd of J. B. Newby, Grand Scribe,	32 00
20.	By " " " " "	40 00
1855,		
Nov. 22.	By " " " " "	12 05
		$129 50

C. LUTTERLOH, *Grand Treasurer.*

Names and Address of the Officers for 1856.

M. W. GRAND PATRIARCH,

HENRY L. WARD, Colerain, Bertie County.

M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST,

JUSTIN E. JONES, Washington.

R. W. GRAND SENIOR WARDEN,

TALCOTT BURR, Jr., Wilmington.

R. W. GRAND SCRIBE,

CHARLES LUTTERLOH, Fayetteville.

R. W. GRAND TREASURER,

ANDREW MACLEAN, Wilmington.

R. W. GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN,

J. H. JACKSON, Kinston, Lenoir County.

R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE,

WM. S. G. ANDREWS, Goldsborough.

W. GRAND SENTINEL,

LEE R. GIBSON, Germanton, Stokes C'ty.